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JAP. MISSION SHAKES OFF DUST OF MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.
The Japanese trade mission, which has been sojourning here for several months, has left for home, states a brief communique issued by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

While Soviet circles refuse to comment on the matter, the official Nazi news agency, D.N.B., in a despatch from Moscow, explains that the delegation's departure became necessary because for several weeks now the trade negotiations have been at a deadlock.

Not even a skeleton staff is remaining in Moscow.

D.N.B. adds that no progress whatever has been witnessed in other issues recently debated between Tokyo and Moscow—such as the Manchoukuo border and the fisheries problems.—Havas.

NAZI AND ALLIED WAR "PLANS"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.
THE ALLIES WILL PROBABLY LAY MINEFIELDS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS—THIS, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER NACHRICHTEN," IS THE GENERAL OPINION IN GERMAN SEMI-OFFICIAL CIRCLES.

Such action, which would strongly reduce deliveries of Swedish iron-ore to Germany, is regarded with apprehension and German official circles give it to be understood that the Reich may be compelled to resort to drastic action against neutrals "who have accepted the threat of war and whom Britain is unable to protect."—Havas.

PASSIKIVI'S JOB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Moscow, To-day.

M. Passikivi, who played a prominent part in the Soviet-Finnish peace negotiations, has been appointed Finnish Minister to Moscow.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

"PARIS WILL BE TAKEN IN THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE AND BY JULY 1 PEACE WILL BE CONCLUDED!"

This is the slogan being fed to the German population by the Nazi propagandists, the Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" reports.

Nazi-ism apparently distinguishes between official slogans and those equally inspired but being circulated only by word of mouth and unofficially.

In the last category, the propaganda is extremely significant of the state of mind of the German population.

Thus, the correspondent goes on, the new unofficial slogans correspond to the bellicose feelings of part of the population, coupled with the sufferings brought about by the economic situation, the recent departure of more men who have been called to the Colours, and with the sinister forebodings of an extension of the Allied blockade.

The new propaganda may also serve to prepare minds for a big offensive the Germans may eventually launch on the Western Front, the correspondent says.

The atmosphere in Berlin is becoming more and more tense as military preparations are increased, giving rise to belief that the "lightning war" is soon to strike.—Havas.

HYDE PARK SCENE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

Police were called to Hyde Park yesterday to quell a Communist disturbance outside the French Embassy.

A mob of about 1,500 demonstrated outside the Embassy following a meeting at Hyde Park in which a resolution was passed protesting against the arrest and imprisonment of Communist Deputies of the French Chamber.

The police dispersed the mob without difficulty.—Havas.

MAJ-GEN. TEMPERLEY PASSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday at his home in Beaconsfield of Major-General A. C. Temperley, the noted Military Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph"—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST—North Sea
wind, moderate; rain.

SOVIET FAR EAST WALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

It is reliably learned that with the approach of the thaw season, the Soviet Army has started to strengthen its fortifications along the 5,000 kilometres of the Soviet-Manchoukuo border, with the idea of transforming these fortifications—known as the "Stalin Line"—into a continuous chain of defences like the Maginot Line.

Local Japanese quarters view these as defensive measures to enable the Soviet to complete military preparations in the Near East.—Havas.

BELGIANS ARRESTED IN HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Two Belgians are in police custody in the Netherlands, having been arrested for photographing Dutch defences.

When their car was searched, signalling apparatus was found inside.—Havas.

NORTH SEA DOG FIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN VERSION OF THE DOG-FIGHT OVER THE NORTH SEA CLAIMS THAT 24 BRITISH PLANES WERE INVOLVED AND "AN UNKNOWN NUMBER" WERE SHOT DOWN.

It is stated, in the communique, that all the German fighters returned to their base.

The British report, admitting two losses, said that one German fighter, certainly, and probably another, was put out of action.—Havas.

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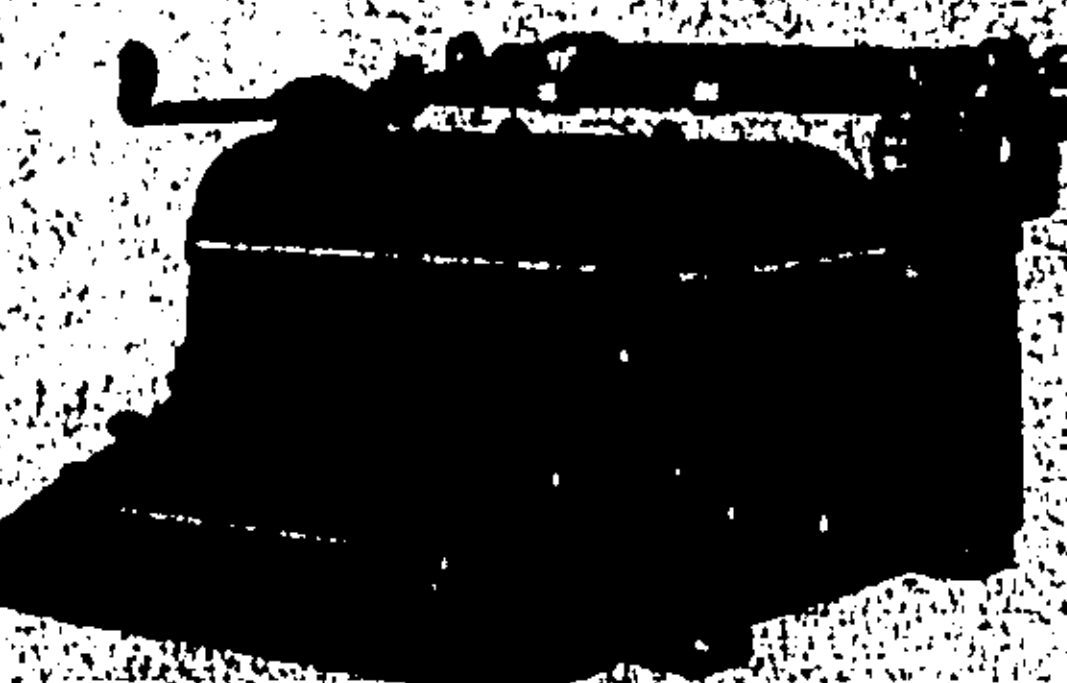
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ANOTHER SHOCKING U-BOAT OUTRAGE ON SATURDAY

London, To-day.

FROM FEBRUARY 21ST to April 6th in any year is
not a long time, but long enough it seems for
Nazi Admirals to break their word.

"Norwegian vessels on a voyage from Britain with
coal or other similar cargo will not be attacked
by German naval forces unless in convoy, but
may be examined!"

This was one promise made by
Vice-Admiral Schmiewindt to Mr.
M. T. Halvorsen, who visited Ger-
many on behalf of the Norwegian
Shipowners' Association on 21st
February, 1940, and who was au-
thorised by the Admiral to acquaint
the Norwegian Minister in Berlin
with the promise.

In the early hours of April 6, Satur-
day last, the Norwegian steamer,
Navarra, carrying coal from Swansea
to Oslo, illuminated and with her
nationality marks painted large on
the sides, sailing alone and on an
ordinary course, was torpedoed with-
out warning by a German submarine.

She sank in two minutes.

All the officers and nine of the
crew were killed.

The U-Boat stood by watching
the men from one lifeboat strug-
gling in the water after the boat
had capsized in launching but
made no effort to render any as-
sistance.

BRITISH AID

The remaining lifeboat was left
many miles from land and the oc-
cupants rescued by a Finnish
steamer which was guided to the life-
boat by British patrolling aircraft
which had, fortunately, sighted the
distressed Norwegians.

Apart from the barbarity of sink-
ing this neutral vessel in the face of
the promise, the conduct of the
officers and crew of the U-boat must
be regarded with horrified amaze-
ment by seafaring men of all coun-
tries.

One can only hope for the sake of
the tradition of future German sail-
ors that the reason for the U-boats of-
ficers' conduct can be explained in the
words of the German Captain of the
Columbus, who said of the scuttling
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VOLUNTEER UNITS LEAVE FOR SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

THE TWO BATTALIONS OF
SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS HAVE
LEFT FOR HOME, WITH THE
THANKS OF FINLAND RINGING
IN THEIR EARS, TOGETHER WITH
THE WORDS OF AN OFFICIAL
SPOKESMAN WHO REMINDED
THEM THAT THE DANGER TO
NORTHERN EUROPE HAD IN-
CREASED RATHER THAN DE-
CREASED.

He expressed the hope that if
trouble does come it will find not
only the volunteers for Finland but
also many others who were prepar-
ed to fight for liberty.

Many of the volunteers are now
helping to re-build devastated Finland.
—Havas.

THAT MAP BUSINESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Commenting on the so-called Sum-
ner Welles "Map in M. Reynaud's office
showing Allied war aims" to-do, the
newspaper "Dagens Nyheter," points
out that in the map in question, no
boundary line was drawn between
Denmark and Germany—and no sane
person could suggest that one of the
war aims of the Allies was the turn-
ing over of Denmark to Germany!

Even the German press saw this,
and the Nazis shaded in the bound-
ary line before publishing a reproduc-
tion of the picture in the French ma-
gazine "L'Illustration" which started
the storm in the tea kettle.—Havas.

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SISTERS AT LAW IN HOUSE DISPUTE

TWO SISTERS, BOTH CLAIMING to be Leung Mei-ha, were parties in an action at the Supreme Court this morning before Sir Atholl MacGregor in connection with a house in Nga Tsin Long Road.

Leung Yuet-ha, alias Leung Mei-ha, was the plaintiff, and Leung Shui-fan, alias Leung Mei-ha, was the defendant. The former was represented by Mr. Percy Chen, while Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., was for defendant.

Plaintiff is seeking a declaration that she is the owner of No. 13, Nga Tsin-long road, return of the crown leases and other documents in connection with the property, and the memorial notice registered by defendant in the Land Office.

The defendant counter-claims for a declaration that the property is hers and for an order that plaintiff should execute an assignment of the property.

Mr. Chen explained why defendant was also called Leung Mei-ha, saying that a memorial notice had been registered by her in that name.

Mr. Chen said the defence was that the sister was Leung Mei-ha, that the property was bought not only in the name of Lee Mei-ha but with her money and for her, and that the beneficial interest in the house rested with defendant.

PLAINTIFF'S CASE

The plaintiff, Leung Yuet-ha, alias Leung Mei-ha, said she was the sister of defendant, was born in Nam Tau and had lived in Hong Kong for several years. Defendant went to Indo-China when she was 16 years old, married and lived there for some time.

She bought the house partly with her own money and partly with money borrowed.

In 1936, she visited her sister and stayed for a month. In August, 1939, she again visited her sister, on the occasion of the wedding of their niece, and though she intended to stay only a month, she was forced to stay, owing to circumstances, for five months.

During the stay she was forced to sign a promissory note by her sister

for \$8,000 as the sister would not let her have her passport.

Defendant obtained the title deeds to the property saying she wanted to see the building plans, for a house she wanted to buy in that district, and plaintiff gave them to her.

The case is proceeding.

AMERICAN WOMAN IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

An American woman, Mrs. Chas. Larsen, of No. 40, Stubbs Road, was involved in a motor-accident yesterday when, while driving car No. 3575 in Queen's Road East, she knocked down a nine-year-old Chinese lad.

The boy was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment of injuries to the head.

Another accident occurred the same day, when Miss Holiday knocked down a Chinese, Li Ping, in Nathan Road. The man was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

FOUR BURGLARIES AT CHARDHAVEN

Four burglaries at Chardhaven Hotel since March 22 had a sequel this morning before Mr. E. Himsworth, when Wong Hop, 35, coolie, was charged with house breaking and stealing eight beds, the property of Mrs. E. Greenberg, the proprietress.

He was remanded for three days in police custody.

AUSTIN RD. ROBBERY

Mr. F. S. O'Neil, branch manager of Messrs. Malcolm and Company, Limited, has reported the theft of clothing and two clocks from his residence, No. 134, Austin Road, yesterday.

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Allies Would Get Only Few Days' Warning

But It May Not Mean a Thing

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SURE THAT GERMANY WILL, OR WILL NOT, ATTACK IN THE NEAR FUTURE ARE EITHER VERY BOLD OR VERY FOOLISH — PERHAPS BOTH, COMMENTS THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES" IN A B.B.C. BROADCAST.

He himself doubts whether those with the best information are certain one way or the other, and thinks that possibly the Nazis themselves have not made up their minds.

The other day, Field-Marshal Goering said that a German victory would be won in the West. Obviously, the Allies would not base their plans on this statement, but nonetheless, it brought the problem into the foreground again.

There is every indication that arrangements for a German offensive on a large scale are ready.

All along the French, Luxemburg, Belgian and Dutch frontiers the German Army is massed.

All the best troop formations are there, including the mechanised and motorised divisions. Significant perhaps is the fact the latter two crack units are facing the neutral countries.

Plans have been drawn up and the ammunition dumps are full.

It will only need a few days for final preparations to be made. There will be no further warning to the Allies or, at the most, only the slightest warning.

NATURAL

Yet this concentration is natural and does not mean a mass assault is certain. The Nazi threat must be kept up and that of the Allies faced. Furthermore, German railways are no longer quite as effective as they were, and, therefore, stocks must be concentrated because otherwise they could not be concentrated quickly.

Make no mistake: the attack, if it should come, will be colossal in weight. The German Command knows the technique well, has studied every possibility and tried to find a weak point. The German artillery is "first class" and of exceptional range.

If Hitler decides to attack, he will be making a gambler's throw, since the result will decide the issue of the war, if not immediately.

TERRIFIC VIOLENCE

Everything, therefore, would be thrown into the balance. It might fall on Belgium and Holland or against the Maginot Line, but wherever it falls, the blow will be one of terrific violence.

Though it may well be that the Allies could ask for nothing better to inflict a major defeat and reach a decision, the Allied command has not under-rated the formidable nature of the task it may have to face. The general public should not do so, either.

It will be a fierce and grim struggle. We may be confident, but it will not be in our favour all through. The anxious hours of March, April and May, 1918, will be repeated.

From the German point of view, the casualties will be enormous. It has yet to be proved that German morale can face these casualties; they may be so great as to make it not worthwhile.

If the Germans start such a drive, it will be in sheer desperation. We are ready to face the attack. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TACTICS IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
FOREIGNERS WITHOUT EX-TRALITY RIGHTS AND CHINESE RESIDING NORTH OF SOOCHOW CREEK — THE JAPANESE-CONTROLLED AREA — HAVE IN RECENT WEEKS BEEN FORCED TO APPEAR BEFORE A "COURT OF REHABILITATION" TO FACE CIVIL ACTIONS ACCORDING TO INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED BY THE "NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS."

Ignoring of summonses of Japanese officials brings immediate arrest and in many cases punishment, says the paper.

The whereabouts of the "Court" is unknown, but it has been established that hearings have been held in a place believed to be occupied by the Japanese Naval Landing Party.

Four cases handled by the Court came to public notice though it was impossible to obtain statements from the persons involved.

In one case, the wife of a Russian watchman was arrested at her home and taken to the Japanese Naval Landing Party premises. She was later released on the request of the S.M.P.

The woman's small child was forced to accompany her. She was arrested because she owed \$80 to a Chinese storekeeper.

Other cases also involved Chinese debts. The Court is functioning without the knowledge of the Consular Body or any other recognised authority and has the obvious aim of curtailing the jurisdiction of the Chinese courts in the Settlement areas under Japanese control. — Reuter

KWANGSI OPERATIONS

Kweilin, To-day.
Chinese forces east of the Nanning-Pinyang and Nanning-Yamchow highways converged on the former Kwangsi capital during the week-end and have reached a point only a few miles east of the city, according to field despatches.

A third force, operating on the banks of the Watkiang River, penetrated the Japanese line near Nanning and is in contact with units west of the highway. — Central News.



GEORGE FORMBY WITH THE B.E.F.—George Formby, the well known Lancashire comedian has been on a visit to the B.E.F. to entertain the troops. He has amused them with impromptu turns as well as at the E.N.S.A. concerts in various towns. Photo shows George Formby giving an impromptu turn to troops in a French farmyard. (Copy-right, Fox).

VENLO INCIDENT SILENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

There is still no information as to the fate of Lemmens, the Dutch chauffeur, who was kidnapped by the Gestapo at Venlo, the Dutch border village, on November 25 together with the two British agents, Captain Stevens and Mr. Best.

Enquiries from Lemmens' wife have been forwarded to the Reich Chancellery, which has merely replied that her request is being examined by the Gestapo; this may mean that he is still alive. — Havas.

ALLIED ACTIVITY

London, To-day.

This coming week is expected to provide even greater Allied developments than last week.

Talks have already begun between Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax and the British diplomatic representatives of the Balkan and Danubian countries; a secret session of the House of Commons on Thursday will discuss the economic blockade; M. Reynaud, the French Premier, is now holding conversations with French Ministers of the Balkan countries; and a secret session of the French Senate will be held on Tuesday. — Reuter.

FRICTION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND GERMANY?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES will probably arise between Germany and Yugoslavia when the present clearing agreement expires at the end of April.

Belgrade is now enforcing a new economic programme aiming at a restriction upon exports, with a view to ensuring, before everything else, satisfaction of the country's own requirements in a case of emergency.

A special committee will soon be created for studying the restriction of exports and in the course of negotiations opening to-day with Italy at Trieste, Belgrade is expected to propose a substantial reduction in her cattle exports to Italy.

The Reich will be the hardest by the new policy, as Germany, Yugoslavian cattle, pigs and agricultural commodities which Yugoslavia is disposed to sell only in re-

WOMEN WHO PUT WINTER SPORTS BEFORE HAVING BABIES

UNBELIEVABLE SCENES
IN OUR CONSULTING
ROOMS, SAYS LORD HORDER

London, To-day.

WHEN WOMEN who put going to winter sports before having children go to see their doctors "some of the scenes in our consulting rooms are unbelievable," said Lord Horder, the King's physician, speaking to the Eugenic Society in London.

Mrs. Dorothy Thurtle, who was the minority of one on the inter-departmental committee on abortion, had earlier said:

"A woman who wants to go winter sporting, or who finds that a pregnancy would interfere with her activities during the season, has no difficulty in persuading certain medical men to perform a suitable operation at a price."

She added: "The working woman, on the other hand, whose condition might call for such an operation, has the greatest difficulty in getting it."

EACH CASE TREATED
ON ITS MERITS

Lord Horder told the meeting: "I am familiar with those ladies who want to go to Switzerland for winter sports."

"Speaking for myself and for my fellow-practitioners in medicine, I must say that each case is treated on its merits."

"The reasons which are adduced by women are so numerous and so trivial that they spoil their cases before they finish."

"The Bourne case made it perfectly clear, and case law has it, that a doctor has a free hand to consider other aspects than the mere question whether a pregnant woman will die if she is not given the facility of abortion."

"It has been laid down that the doctor may take into account not merely the question of life and death in deciding whether he shall relieve a woman of her pregnancy."

DOCTORS PUT IN THE PILLORY

"But we do ask for cover because every now and then, as in the Bourne case, a doctor gets pilloried, and maybe mulcted, and so much depends upon whether he has a judge who really knows what the position is, and whether he has colleagues who will come forward and waste a day or two to give him support."

"It would be good if we could get these archaic laws off the Statute Book so that we could have really a free hand to carry out what the case law gives us permission to do, what is really in the patient's in-

terest and what, I understand, public opinion would welcome."

(Mr. Aleck William Bourne, an eminent gynaecologist and, obstetrician, was charged at the Old Bailey with unlawfully using an instrument with intent to procure the miscarriage of a girl aged 14. He was found not guilty and was acquitted. The girl had been criminally assaulted.)

SHE DEFIES ORKNEY RAIDERS

ONLY WOMAN LEFT IN
DESERTED VILLAGE

London, Yesterday.

BRIDGE OF WAITH, the tiny Orkney village bombed by German raiders, now has only one of its regular inhabitants left—a woman.

She is Mrs. Ellen Farquhar, a 70-year-old widow.

Her son, William, was hit by bomb splinters as he stood near her in their little confectionery shop.

Every window in the building was blown out.

It was the same bomb that killed the tenant of the adjoining cottage, James Isbister.

Mrs. Farquhar tells the story as she serves customers from the surrounding districts with chocolate biscuits, lemonade and cigarettes.

END OF CREATION

"The guns were firing so fiercely that the house was trembling and rattling," she said.

"You would have thought that it was the end of creation."

"Then we saw a German plane go by. It was not very high, but was big and fast."

"Ten minutes passed and then the worst gunfire of the whole raid began. I stood here just inside my door and quaked. I was not afraid of anything happening to me, but the noise of the shooting got on my nerves."

"When the bombs suddenly fell here we heard no plane. It must have been very high. William was in the doorway, and I was four or five feet behind him holding on to the lemonade counter."

SAGGED BACK

"The whole earth shook and I thought the house had come down. Beyond William I saw a vivid blue flash, and a tremendous explosion deafened me."

"He sagged back against the side of the door. I went to help him, but the sight went from me, and when I came to William was helping me instead of me helping him."

"I was not hurt, but William was bleeding terribly from the thigh. He shook me to my senses, and said: 'Sit there till I see about the others.'"

"Just then, Lily, that is Mrs. Isbister, came running from her home next door. She was crying: 'Come and help me with Jim.'"

SOVIET AIR
LOSSES IN
FINLAND

London, To-day.

The Finns brought down 240 Russian machines during the Finnish-Soviet war, declared Lieut.-Colonel Lorentz, commander of a fighter squadron of the Finnish Air Force, in an interview.

He added that until the middle of January, Russian bombers undertook raids unescorted by fighter aircraft and this made the task of the Finnish fighters easier.

During this period, a hundred bombers were shot down. Afterwards, fighters came over with the bombers and the Finns were up against heavier odds.

Despite this, however, 140 Russian planes were brought down during the latter half of the war. The losses of the Finnish fighter force were infinitely small. — Reuter.

DAUGHTER
BORN TO
QUEEN FARIDA

Cairo, To-day.

Queen Farida of Egypt yesterday gave birth to a daughter, the second princess born to King Farouk and Queen Farida since their marriage in January 1938.

Both mother and daughter are doing well.—Reuter.

NAVAL
RATING
CONVICTED

A British naval rating, Leonard Traylor, 18, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning with stealing a jacket, fountain-pen, and a wallet containing \$15, belonging to a merchant seaman, Mr. T. A. Hudson.

The theft is alleged to have taken place to-day in the Seamen's Institute in Gloucester Road, Wanchai, where both were staying.

Accused pleaded not guilty. He was remanded in naval custody after conviction, the Magistrate expressing a desire to consider the case.

Taylor made no statement in mitigation.

According to the evidence given in Court this morning, accused was found by the manager at 3 a.m. to-day outside room No. 28.

Complainant was awakened and, asked whether he had lost anything from his room, discovered his jacket was missing.

Sergeant Morrison was called, and accused taken to the No. 2 Police Station where, on being searched, \$15 was found hidden in his socks. The fountain-pen and wallet were also found in his possession. The jacket was later found in one of the lavatories in the Institute.

It was stated that accused when brought to the Police Station appeared to be under the influence of liquor.

BEQUEST
TO SPEAKER

London, To-day.

Four valuable pieces of ivory bequeathed to the Speaker of the House of Commons by a Shropshire lady who died last December will join the other treasures which are passed on from Speaker to Speaker.

The pieces include figures of Mary, Queen of Scots, and Queen Elizabeth, and a choice statue of Charles I on an ebony globe which opens to show the scene of his execution.—Reuter.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE
BEGINS WORK

London, To-day.

Sir Samuel Hoare, at the Air Ministry, received the officers of the Dominion Air Forces who represent their respective forces in London.

Subsequently, the Secretary of State visited a number of R.A.F. stations in the vicinity of London, including the Command Headquarters in the district.—British Wireless.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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GERMANY GIVES A WARNING

London, To-day.

According to the Paris radio, the Swedish and Norwegian envoys in Berlin were called to the German Foreign Office by Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, yesterday afternoon.

They were with Ribbentrop for about an hour.

No information is available concerning the subject of discussion, but close connection with the Anglo-French Notes is obvious and it is assumed that he made the usual threats. — Reuter.

ANOTHER BLOCKADE TEST FOR ALLIES ARISING IN ADRIATIC: ACTION RUMOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

WHILE DECISIVE MEASURES are being taken by the Allies in northern Europe, another test case for the Allies' blockade exists in the Adriatic.

The German steamer Ankara is expected to leave the Yugoslav harbour of Dubrovnik bound for Trieste with a cargo of 5,000 tons of aluminium ore. The ship, which is of 8,000 tons, belongs to the Deutsche Levant Line.

Her captain tried in vain to hire the services of a Yugoslav pilot apparently with the intention to attempt, despite the danger, to find a way to Trieste within the limit of Yugoslav territorial waters amid the reefs.

It is not known whether the captain will risk to run the ship himself along the extremely dangerous ports, declared that they sighted on high sea where he will probably meet with Allies' warships.

Italian ships arriving at Yugoslav ports, declared that they sighted on Saturday a British cruiser steaming at full speed from the Toranto Straits northward.

Two British submarines are also reported to be in the Adriatic. — Havas.

INDIA AND THE FUTURE

New Delhi, To-day.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Madras Legislative Assembly said yesterday that the victory of the Nazis would mean the end of democratic principles.

The whole future of India will depend on the result of the war, he said. It is not possible to conceive of a free India apart from Great Britain. — Reuter.

CLOSE BELGRADE WATCH

Belgrade, To-day.

The Yugo-Slavian press takes note of the notes sent to Norway and Sweden by the Allied Governments.

According to one paper, these notes probably contain a request that Sweden and Norway reduce their commerce with the Reich. Grave developments may follow.

German reaction is bitter, according to Berlin correspondents of the Yugo-Slavian press.

German official circles suggest the notes represent an attempt to increase the blockade in northern waters and even in the very territorial waters of Norway and Sweden themselves! — Havas.

The Exhibition of Chinese paintings by Kwan Shan Yuet at the Kam Ling Restaurant has been extended until to-morrow.

PARLEY ON BALKANS BEGINNING

London, To-day.

The first meeting of the British diplomatic representatives in South-Eastern Europe, who have been summoned for consultations in London, will take place at the Foreign Office this afternoon.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, will preside.

In addition to the British Ambassador in Angora, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, and the British Ministers at Budapest, Bucharest, Belgrade, Sofia and Athens, the meeting will be attended by the British Ambassadors in Rome and Moscow, both of whom are in London on leave.

Another meeting will be held to-morrow at the Foreign Office, and there will be a meeting later at the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The meetings will be concerned with the general situation in South-Eastern Europe.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT

These consultations were referred to, and their object explained, by the Prime Minister in the Commons last Tuesday.

Mr. Chamberlain said: "We have heard a great deal recently of possible developments in South-Eastern Europe. It is even suggested by German propaganda that it is our aim to disturb the peace of the Balkans. This is, of course, untrue and we are confident our agreements with Turkey have, on the contrary, contributed most effectively to maintain the peace and security of South-Eastern Europe."

The Prime Minister expressed conviction that this initiative would have fruitful results both for the Allied cause and for the maintenance of Balkan peace. — British Wireless.

NECESSITY FOR ACTION ACCEPTED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A SURVEY OF WORLD COMMENT ON THE WAR ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BASED ON TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS, CONTAINS EXTRACTS FROM THE NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH PRESS WHICH REFLECT AN APPRECIATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES OF THE NECESSITY FOR INCREASING THE SEVERITY OF THE ALLIED ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST NAZI GERMANY.

Thus the Bergen newspaper, "Morgen-Navisen" reacting to the latest German attacks on Norwegian vessels, writes: "The Norwegian Government ought to let the German Government understand that we may be forced to revise the whole of our standpoint to Germany, including the commerce and passage questions, if some arrangement is not arrived at which improves conditions."

The Stockholm "Tidningen" interprets Mr. Churchill's new position as proof that "Britain is to act with full determination and will exploit her vast resources. We have no reason to expect a British attack but we must be prepared for strong pressure and trade restriction."

The "Social Demokraten" pertinently observes: "One wonders why Britain should observe rules systematically broken by Germany" and adds "Pessimists predict the war will last 5 years but it is possible that a tremendous Allied effort will crush Germany economically sooner than many think." — British Wireless.

NEW ALLIED PLANS BEING CONSIDERED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE CONSIDERING A NEW SCHEME FOR EXTENDING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, DECLARED THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY, MR. LESLIE BURGIN, IN A SPEECH AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

"The French Armaments Minister, M. Raoul Dautry," he said, "has asked me whether industrial equipment and notably machine tools, can be treated as tourists and could go under return tickets across the Channel so that, if he has half-a-dozen milling machines which are not needed for three months, they can come to Britain, whereas if Britain has six vertical borers not wanted for three months, they can journey to France."

Mr. Burgin added that the idea and principal were sound and would help in making the best use of the Allies' common resources. — Havas.



MOBILE BATH UNIT—To make sure that Tommy gets a regular bath a number of bath units tour the areas occupied by the B.E.F. They have a regular service from point to point. They can accommodate sixty men an hour. They pitch the marquees near a stream or pond and water is filtered and heated. Photo shows troops passing from the undressing tent into the bath tent. (Air Mail)

YUGOSLAVIANS WARNED TO BE READY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

"Yugoslavs, do not forget," is the heading given to an article appearing in the Belgrade paper "Politika," which gives the following military slogans for the people to bear in mind:—

1. In the times in which we live, a people can have value only if they are capable of defending their country against aggressors.
2. A people who prefer death to slavery are a people worthy of living, and no one can destroy them.
3. The resolution to defend a country augments its strength and saves it even in the most desperate position. The history of the Serbian people and recent events in Finland prove the truth of this. — Havas.

DEADLIEST WEAPON

The Tightening Of Allied Blockade Net

Military Forces Must Be Used To Break It

London, To-day.

THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE last few days in the Allied economic policy have given an even keener edge to their deadliest weapon — this is the consensus of Sunday's British press. Comment is chiefly confined to two things — the tightening of the blockade measures and the ever deepening co-operation of Britain and France.

The latter is described as not only the Allies' main source of power, but also as destined to be a permanent basis for building a new Europe.

In the view of the press, ever since the last meeting of the Supreme War Council, a new fighting spirit has been clearly evident in the punching speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Churchill, the Allied notes to Norway and Sweden, the Anglo-French talks, the British drive in the Balkans and the hastening to London of the Balkan envoys—all form one of the most valuable factors in the defeat of Hitlerism.

The main problems lie in north-west and south-east Europe.

HARDENING ROD

As the "Sunday Times" puts it, the relations of the neutrals to Germany is that of threatened men. In the north-west, Scandinavia and Holland see their ships destroyed, their seamen murdered and their neutral waters abused with impunity—but do not dare to retaliate.

If Germany wins the war, not one of them will survive, yet here they are hardening the rod for their own backs by supplying Germany with iron ore.

If the neutrals are unable to defend their interests, the "Sunday Times" continues, our job is to study how we can persuade them to do so.

IN SOUTH-EAST

In south-east Europe, the position is different. We must help the neutrals face up to Germany, by two methods — We must buy their goods and we must give them firm guarantees against military destruction.

"Emco," the new British Balkan trading company, is a pointer to the first. General Weygand, with his Allied army in the Middle East, is a pointer to the second.

The "Economist" says that while the Allies have every sympathy for the predicament the neutrals are in and do not intend to deprive them of their rights, it is only plain common-sense to say that the only effective blockade is a whole-hearted one.

LIKE THE CAT

The "Sunday Express" says that the wisest policy is that of the cat—to watch every exit, for the rat cannot live without water and must come out.

The "Economist" says that if the net is really tightened the German military forces must be used to break it.

FIRST PHASE

Commander Stephen King-Hall, in his weekly news letter, suggests that if the Allies can reach the first anniversary of the war in a state of deadlock, they will have passed the first phase.

The job then will be to develop their resources to the full behind their defences so as to live as full and as civilised a life as possible. This is the second phase. We must remember, he says, that during the greater part of our re-

corded history man has lived and worked with his weapons at his side. This state of affairs may last three years of more.

During this time, the main task will be the development of Anglo-French co-operation, with the objective of proving an impregnable defence and liberty and freedom in modern Europe. At the same time, they will have to show the world that behind the barriers Britain and France have created a new world, a world of steadily increasing economic and military strength and that, subject to the fulfilment of the war aims, the German people can co-operate in that new world.

If this happens, Commander King-Hall suggests that possibly the third phase—a military struggle—may never be needed.

ALLIED UNITY

The Catholic organ "Tablet" looks to the future from the basis of Anglo-French unity. This unity is much more than that of Allies against a common foe. It is a unity from which, with the help of other nations, we may hope that the unity of Europe will be born again.—Reuter.

"ANKARA" RUNS THE GAUNTLET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

At the very moment when the delay granted to her by the Yugoslavian authorities expired, the German freighter Ankara left Dubrovnik for Trieste with a cargo of 4,000 tons of aluminium ore.

The authorities refused the captain's request for a pilot to guide his ship through the reefs to allow it to reach Italy without leaving Yugoslavian territorial waters.

The Ankara anchored a few miles off the harbour and waited to pick up M. Vekarich, a pilot, who—breaking the rules of his profession—agreed to guide the ship for a sum of 25,000 dinars.

Political circles and public opinion are anxiously following the development of events, which may have important repercussions on navigation in the whole Adriatic.—Havas.

PARIS TRADE TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Boedmans, General Secretary of the Foreign Ministry, Sweden, and M. Marcus Wallenberg, have arrived for the opening of trade talks.—Havas.



Graham Moffatt, the "fat boy" of British films, was called up for his medical examination on March 18. He wanted to join the Air Force but the doctors wouldn't pass him for any of the services. Photo shows Graham taking a deep breath. (Copyright, Fox).

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Under the auspices of the International Red Cross, France and Germany recently signed an agreement for the exchange of prisoners and the first batch of German prisoners are expected at Geneva on April 15.

At the same time, an equal number of French civilian prisoners, who have been in the Reich since the beginning of the war, will be due in Switzerland.—Havas.

MOLOTOV SHUTS DOOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The impression prevails here that the recent speech of the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, has considerably handicapped German efforts at Italo/Soviet rapprochement, which was the main object of the Brenner Conference.

Furthermore, since the conclusion of Finnish peace, Russia apparently wishes to curtail her participation in western European affairs.

What is more, all indications are that Rome deems that the time is not ripe for collaboration with Moscow.—Havas.

EARTHQUAKE HAVOC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

The situation is gradually improving in eastern Anatolia after the ravages caused by the earthquake and floods.

The waters have now begun to recede, but several centres are still under 20 feet of water.

Contrary to the earthquake, the floods caused a surprisingly low loss of life, although material damages are extremely high. Many bridges collapsed, hundreds of houses were destroyed and crops and cattle lost.—Havas.

JAPANESE STILL UP TO TRICKS

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

ATAMAN SEMINOFF, LEADER OF THE PRO-JAPANESE GROUPS AMONG THE WHITE RUSSIANS OF MANCHURIA, HAS ARRIVED IN SHANGHAI, ACCORDING TO THE "CHINA PRESS."

He is reported to be accompanied by a Russian bodyguard and to be using a Chinese name.

It is reported that he has had several conferences with Japanese military leaders in Shanghai.

White Russians regard his activities as significant in view of the coming municipal election, and the fact that his arrival coincides with the beginning of the election campaigns.

It is rumoured that he is attempting to get most of the White Russians to support the five Japanese candidates for the Municipal Council.—Reuter.

DIAMOND RING LOST

A diamond ring valued at £30 was lost by Mr. W. H. E. Coates, of No. 19, Peak Mansions while travelling between Peak Mansions and Leighton Hill Road yesterday.

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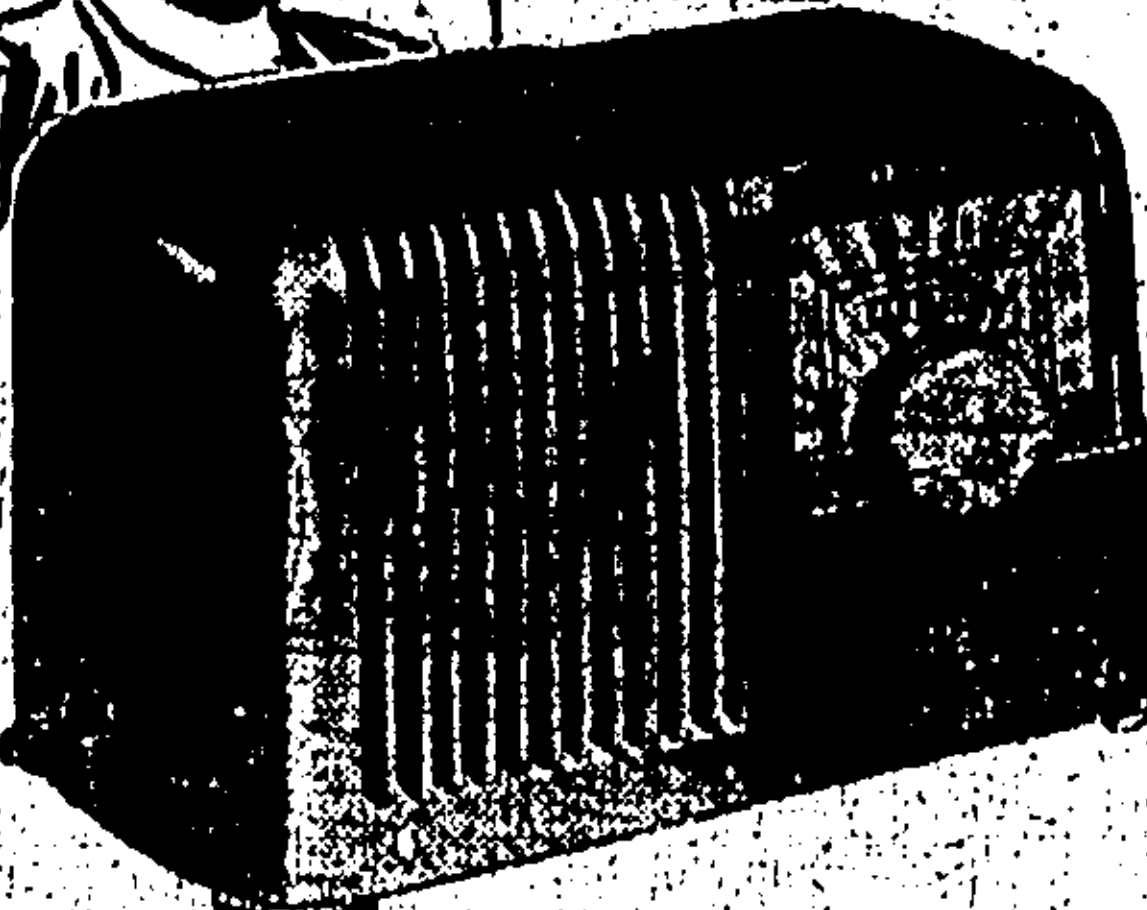


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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

HAW HAW

It requires no great skill or insight on the part of "Haw-Haw" to play upon social inequalities and economic anomalies, to quote the British press attacks upon its own government, to rake up old promises unfulfilled, though of course conveniently forgetting the trail of unredeemed pledges left behind by the Nazis.

Many are the suggestions put forward for counteracting the Haw-Haw propaganda. Some have suggested a debate between him and a British announcer. But this shows a poor appreciation of Nazi tactics, for it would give Dr. Joseph Goebbels first-rate propaganda opportunities before an audience of millions and almost for nothing. Those who would simply "blot out" the Hamburg and Bremen senders, also lay the authorities open to the charge of wanting to "conceal something" especially after the more-or-less official encouragement to listen to those stations. Nor will the solution be found in adopting "Haw-Haw's" own methods. Behind him is a tongue-tied press and people; here a free press and people which regards individual and national freedom as one of the great ideals underlying the present struggle.

The ideal answer naturally lies in having such a national community, so well-informed and with such an intuitive sureness that it is impervious to all such propaganda. — "Christian Science Monitor."

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NEW ORDER

"Those old ossified and desiccated nonentities babble of a new order in Europe. 'The new order will come, but without them.' What is this new order to be? We have only to look at Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland for our answer. Most revolutions become less savage with time. It is the mark of the Nazi revolution that each new phase discovers some brutality that had been overlooked by the last. Religion, learning, culture, leadership, public spirit, private distinction — all of these are punished with death, starvation, and the tortures that men who have become experts in the art of torture can devise. M. Herriot recalled very happily the other day Voltaire's definition of a tyrant in his Philosophical Dictionary. 'We name as tyrant a sovereign who knows no law save his own caprice, who seizes the property of his subjects, and after that enrols them to go out and take the property of their neighbours.' Voltaire was writing in the middle of the eighteenth century. He added a sentence to his definition. 'There are no tyrants in Europe.' What would he write to-day? And what would he have to write to-morrow if the new order in Europe is created by the man who has brought back into four countries slavery and torture and who moves great populations and crosses the map to suit his pleasure, just as the great Russian landowners used to move their serfs from one of their estates to another?" — "Manchester Guardian."

THE UNEMPLOYMENT FUND

The Unemployment Fund is now making a large profit of nearly £500,000 a week, which is rising as unemployment falls and the number of insured workers grows. Up to December last the fund had accumulated a balance of £57,500,000. What is to be done with it? The employers felt first that it should be held in reserve against the post-war slump; later they asked for a reduction in contributions to offset the increase which the new pensions charges will impose. The trade unions asked that the surplus should be used to improve rates and conditions of benefit. The Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee has taken a middle course, and the Government has accepted it. In the past the Committee has been rather given to making interesting prophecies about the trend of unemployment. Now it confesses itself—in effect—baffled. It foresees while the war lasts a period of diminishing unemployment and largely increased insurance income, followed after the war by "a great rise of unemployment." It foresees a slump even more intense than in 1921-2, in part because the higher degree of mechanisation to-day calls for a larger number of armament workers whose dismissal will create "a greater distortion of the industrial structure." A natural argument would be that the fund should keep intact its large balance against the rainy day. This would be open to dangers; it would be a perpetual source of temptation to politicians and to advocates of higher benefits or lower contributions. As the Committee points out, there would be the spectacles on a growing accumulated balance and an unpaid debt of many millions of pounds (the legacy of the weak finance of a decade ago). Its solution is, therefore, to pay off £37,000,000 of debt, with the knowledge that when the slump comes it will have to borrow again.

It is a solution more ingenious than heroic. It has one good outcome. The saving in interest is to go to increase the allowances for the first two dependent children. The Statutory Committee (which includes those two stalwarts of the cause Sir William Beveridge and Mrs. Stocks) thus puts into effect an instalment of family allowances. It does not attempt to relate benefit rates to the rise in the cost of living or even to the recent increase in the Assistance Board's rates of pay, but the increase to the unemployed man with children is a partial offset to the change in the value of money. On grounds of general policy there is something to be said against

STALIN—BY TROTSKY

The personality of Stalin and his career are different. It is not Stalin who created the machine. The machine created Stalin. But a machine, like a plane, cannot replace human creative power. Bureaucracy, as bureaucracy, is impregnated through and through with the spirit of mediocrity. Stalin is the most outstanding mediocrity of the Soviet bureaucracy. His strength lies in the fact that he expresses the instinct of self-preservation of the ruling caste more firmly, more decisively, and more pitilessly than anyone else. But that is also his weakness. He sees clearly for a short distance, but on a historical scale he is blind. A shrewd tactician, he is not a strategist. — Leon Trotsky.

raising unemployment pay at a time when all possible pressure should be put on people to take work and when their services are urgently needed by the State. It is questionable wisdom at this time to raise the "wage stop"—the point above which unemployment pay must not go. In the case of the agricultural scheme the Committee in giving the higher children's allowances raises the "wage stop" from 33s. to 35s. a week, though it admits that "the rates of benefit which can be claimed by men with families will in certain parts of the country approximate very closely to their earnings when in work." This is particularly so in Wales. But Wales, with its higher rate of agricultural unemployment than any other part of Great Britain, needs special attention. There is a strong suspicion that the unemployment insurance system is being widely exploited there. — "Manchester Guardian."

Is Deadlock In West About To Be Broken?

FLARE-UP ALONG MAGINOT LINE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
IS THE DEADLOCK ON THE WESTERN FRONT ABOUT TO BE BROKEN BY A VIOLENT OFFENSIVE?

That is the question on the lips of all military observers in France, though all hesitate to give a positive answer.

As Reuter's correspondent with the French Army in France says, the increased liveliness which has been noticeable on the Front in the past two or three weeks is portentous, but whether it is the prelude to sterner action remains to be seen.

NAZIS WANT JAPAN AS AN ALLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The German-press continue to publish lengthy articles trying to demonstrate to the German public that German will, at the decisive moment, get a precious ally in the person of Japan "whose aspirations are fundamentally identical with those of the Reich."

The Rheinisch-Westfälische Zeitung, in an editorial says "Japan is interested in a German victory and, if it understands its true interests, will give us open support."

The Kölnische Zeitung, developing the same theme, declares that Japan is threatened by the United States.

"American naval manoeuvres in the Pacific constitute a provocation for Japan. The island empire must look upon these manoeuvres, in the light of Mr. Roosevelt's aggressive policy, as a symptom of American determination to oppose the formation of a new order in Asia," the paper adds.—Havas.

FIRST JAP. MOVE ON NEW CHESSBOARD

Tokyo, To-day.

The new Japanese-sponsored government under Wang Ching-wai, as one of its first acts, will declare that all treaties and contracts concluded between Chiang Kai-shek's Government and the Powers are invalid as from March 30, which was the date when the new regime was established.—Reuter.

*** It is not clear whether this is a Tokyo announcement of an order which has just been given to Wang Ching-wai's new "independent sovereign government" in Nanking or whether it is just "intelligent anticipation."

CONTROL OF ORES

London, To-day.

An order for the control of chrome magnesite and wolfram has been made by the Minister of Supply and, coming into force as to part on Monday and for the rest a week later, defines these materials and subjects them to regulation by a licensing scheme.—British Wireless.

A very notable intensification of artillery action has occurred at the western end of the active front, that is in the region between the Moselle and the Saar, the zone on which the strategists believe the main weight of any Nazi attack on the Maginot Line would fall.

Probably three or four times as many shells are being used every day now than was the case a month ago.

All observation posts, roads and even villages in No-Man's-Land—for a long time more or less immune from destruction—are now receiving unwelcome attention.

SEVERE ENCOUNTERS

Working parties are more constantly interrupted in their labours and have to show more caution than formerly. One feature common to all sectors is the increased determination of patrols, both in their attempts to capture prisoners and to obtain information of value.

Encounters between the opposing armies are becoming more severe in scope and effect and the objectives are becoming daily more daring.—Reuter.

Five German Planes Shot Down Over Lines

London, To-day.

The French official evening communique states: "There was some artillery fire in the region to the west of the Vosges. There was very considerable activity in the air. Five enemy aeroplanes were brought down, one by the R.A.F."—British Wireless.

TWO R.A.F. PLANES SHOT DOWN

London, To-day

Two British aircraft of the Bomber Squadron were shot down, it is feared, in the North Sea yesterday.

No details of the circumstances are yet available, beyond the fact that they were engaged in a dog-fight with German fighting craft.

All the known facts are contained in a brief Air Ministry announcement to the effect that, "During a patrol over the North Sea yesterday afternoon, enemy fighters were encountered."

"One enemy aircraft was destroyed and at least one other is believed to have been damaged."

"Two British aircraft have failed to return to their base."—Reuter.

RED CROSS FUND

London, To-day.

The Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund has risen to £1,292,000, showing an increase of £12,000 during last week.—British Wireless.

CYCLONE DISASTER IN U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New Orleans, To-day.

A cyclone has practically destroyed the small town of Amity in Louisiana.

The number of victims has not been ascertained.

The Red Cross are carrying out relief work.—Havas.

GRADE 3 MEN TO JOIN ARMY

London, To-day.

The men who have been registering for the Colours as a result of the calling-up of various age groups and who, on being medically examined, have been placed in Grade Three, are now to be absorbed into the Army.

According to the Ministry of Labour, the men affected are those who, but for defects in eyesight, would have been placed in Grade One or Grade 2A.

Approximately 56,000 men had been placed in Grade 3 from the outbreak of war until February 10 and they will probably replace those in the higher medical categories who are now doing clerical work.—Reuter.

READY FOR "BOMBING SEASON"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

With compulsory evacuation well under way, definite steps are being taken for the protection of those who must remain in Chungking during the forthcoming "bombing season."

Civilians are actively participating in the digging programme.

Existing dug-outs can accommodate 220,000, half of the city's population and it is anticipated that in two months another 100,000 will be provided with shelter.

Throughout the night, explosions of blasting operations can be heard giving the impression of a battle.

The authorities are confident that by May every inhabitant will be provided with shelter.—Havas.

"CLIVEDEN" HOSPITAL

London, To-day.

The first section of the great Canadian military hospital now in course of erection at "Cliveden"—Lord Asquith's famous Thames-side seat—will be opened in May.

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STRATEGIC PROBLEMS OF THE NEAR EAST

Nothing that has yet happened in the war touches the romance of history at so many points as the sudden appearance of the Anzacs' transports off Suez. We heard nothing of their voyage until it was safely ended, and it was the longest voyage that could have been taken from anywhere to the scenes of war. But, thanks to the British Navy, it was also pleasant and uneventful. The troops did not know when they left home exactly where they were bound, nor perhaps did they greatly care, provided it was in the war zone. "When the British Empire is at war," finely said an Anzac Brigadier, "we are." And he might have added, wherever it is at war, we are.

The scarred face of Achi Baba overlooks the plains of Troy, a few miles across the Straits, and three thousand years separate the heroes of Homer from the more authentic exploits of Gallipoli on which the Anzacs first won their distinction. However celebrated the valour of the men who fought at Troy may have been, it may well have been exceeded later by the Anzacs in Gallipoli and the Territorials of Lancashire and Glasgow, not to speak of the 29th Division.

A TRAGIC MOMENT

Not even the wonderful army with which we fought the first Somme battle in 1916 can have surpassed these Anzacs in the physical vigour and military bearing which Egypt so greatly admired in them when they reappeared a few days ago. Not a few of them were veterans, revisiting the scenes of their former exploits, and the others had been preceded by the great reputation that their fathers won for the Anzacs twenty-five years ago. Egypt did not detain them for more than a few hours, and already they are encamped in Palestine in quarters that Arab and Jewish labour joined in making. That they have crossed the Suez Canal without delay shows how greatly the British Mandate in Palestine has altered the military situation to our advantage. The Australians may now be encamped near the field of Megiddo, where Allenby won perhaps the most signal victory in the last war, and one that was almost aesthetic in its perfection.

It is one of the touches of drama in which the military history of the Anzacs abounds, that our friendship to-day with Turkey is based on the most tragic moment of the Gallipoli expedition, when the Anzacs had reached the summit of Sari Bair, which would have given us control of the Straits. At that moment reinforcements brought up by Ataturk, who was later to become our close friend, dislodged us from the crest, and the Gallipoli expedition passed into history as a magnificent failure. The Anzacs crowned it with later triumphs. The infantry went to France and helped to snatch victory from what began as the disaster of the March offensive. Their mounted men stayed in Palestine, and helped to win the great cavalry victory of Megiddo.

HOME-GROWN

No nation has ever achieved so great a military reputation in so short a time. Before the last war Australia had no military history. They had less experience of war than the fighting against the Maoris by the early settlers

in New Zealand, and no brilliant victory like Wolfe's on the Heights of Abraham at Quebec adorned the early annals of Australia. The British Empire, apart from India and South Africa, is singularly free from militarism, and though we have given them whatever military advice was in our power, it is still true that the military virtues of the Anzacs, perhaps in an even greater degree than those of any other Dominion people, are entirely home-grown. Perhaps their very distance has made them more dependent on their own ideas. Even their easy, swinging stride was learned not in the barrack-yard but in the school of freedom. Sometimes, it may be, their independence of spirit may make difficulties for discipline, but these are amply compensated for by greater resourcefulness and obstinacy in action.

In Palestine the new troops begin where their fathers left off in the last war. Their transference from Egypt is a welcome, if delayed, official recognition of the immense strategic importance of Palestine. Egypt protects the Canal against attack from the East; Palestine protects it from the West as well. It is in touch with the oilfields of Mosul, which are brought down to the sea at Haifa by pipe-line, and are invaluable to the British Fleet in the Mediterranean. It has a healthy climate, and is ideal as a training-ground. It is a better air base than Cyprus or than Egypt, and gives access to parts of the Middle East not easy to reach in any other way. It invites co-operation between the Anzacs and the strong divisions that France maintains in Syria. It has a hinterland that is capable of immense commercial development.

NAPOLEON'S DREAM

Students of Napoleonic campaigns will remember his youthful ambition to conquer India by way of Palestine and Haifa. France, under his plan, having been bereft of her colonies in the East and West Indies, was to find ample compensation in Egypt, and Egypt was to be the stepping-stone to the conquest of Asiatic Turkey, Mesopotamia, and India. "Thus on the one side," wrote Napoleon, "Egypt would replace San Domingo and the Antilles; on the other, it would be a step towards the conquest of India." Later he said: "If it had not been for Djeddar" (the Turkish commander who successfully defended Acre with the assistance of Sir Sydney Smith) "I should have been Emperor of the East."

No military conception of Napoleon's was ever quite without substance, and it is, perhaps, not fanciful to regard the presence of the Anzacs in Palestine as a guarantee against this ghost from the past walking again. But it is too early yet to forecast with confidence how these fine troops are likely to be employed. That will depend largely on the development of the enemy's strategy. If Germany, with or without the active assistance of Russia, were to attack the independence of Rumania for the sake of her oilfields, the Anzacs might find themselves once more near their old battlefields in Turkey, but this time, instead of fighting their way up the Dardanelles, they would find the way open. The British

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





A number of girls of the Mechanised Transport Corps are now undergoing the final part of their training before going overseas as a unit attached to the Anglo-French Ambulance Corps, for field hospital work with the French Army. Photo shows:—M.T.C. girls undergo kit inspection—a preliminary to departure overseas. (Air Mail).

STRATEGIC PROBLEMS OF THE NEAR EAST

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Fleet would escort them through the Black Sea, and from a base on the coast of Rumania we might make dangerous headway against the German invasion.

THE OIL FACTOR

If there were no Anzacs free for employment, and Rumania could be crushed as easily as she was in the last war, the possession of the oil wells in Rumania might be a serious temptation to Germany. But she would hardly risk extended or hazardous operations for this object. She draws supplies of oil from Rumania as it is, and the first effect of serious war would be to stop the supplies that she is already getting. On the whole, therefore, war on Rumania for the sake of her oil seems unlikely. For a more probable employment for the Anzacs now in Palestine we might have to look elsewhere.

If the Finns can keep up their heroic resistance, Russia will have very little energy to spare for other adventures. Even if they could only last out until the summer, the year might be too far advanced to start another serious campaign, and active military co-operation between the Russian and German armies might be out of the question this year. But should the Finnish resistance unexpectedly collapse, and, still more unlikely, should the country settle down under a conqueror from whom they can expect no consideration, one can imagine developments which would bring the Anzacs as far to the strategic front as ever they were in the last war.

There is some reason to think that oil is rapidly becoming the main factor of success or failure for Germany. In the last war the Turks attacked the Russians in the Caucasus, and the first suggestion of the Gallipoli campaign came from the Grand Duke Nicholas, who telegraphed to Lord Kitchener asking for a demonstration, naval or military, "which would cause the Turks . . . to withdraw some of the forces now acting against Russians in the Caucasus, and thus ease the position of Russia." In this war, if the Finnish entanglement no longer existed, the attack might come from the side of the Russians, once they decided on military alliance with Germany. Many things are more unlikely than a Russian attack from the Caucasus in the direction of Mosul or Persia; stiffened, it may be, by a German division or two with tactical troops. We are allies of Iraq, and should be obliged to go to her assistance, and this task would naturally fall on the Anzacs in combination with the French Army in Syria.

IN THE SPRING?

Or, in such a war, the attack might come from our side in the air. Air raids on Baku from some advance point in Mosul would, if successful, go near to ending the war, and certainly would be a far less risky operation than an attack on the Siegfried Line. Nor would Germany have the smallest

chance of carrying strongly fortified lines without tanks, whose consumption of oil they so gravely underestimated in Poland.

Hazardous in the most favourable conditions, forecast of a war that may spread over several countries, each with uncertain factors reacting on each other, offers almost limitless possibilities of error. The usefulness of the attempt is not in the prophecy, but in the chance of discovering elements that have been overlooked in the problem.

The view that the real war will begin early this Spring would have much more to recommend it if we knew that Germany had supplies, especially of oil, to conduct a great offensive, but if there is any uncertainty about that, the beginning of major operations might be delayed much longer.

We began this war determined to avoid such waste of life on the Western Front as in the last war, but such a position as we are imagining might force us to do what we were determined not to do. The arrival of the Anzacs in Palestine recalls the old controversy in the Great War between the Westerners, who insisted on winning the war on the Western Front, and the Easterners, who saw in the East an easier and less costly way of victory. And it is arguable that uncovering Germany's Eastern Front was, in fact, the principal contribution to victory. Certainly, if the Dardanelles could have been forced in 1915, the war might have been won earlier and at far less cost than it actually was.

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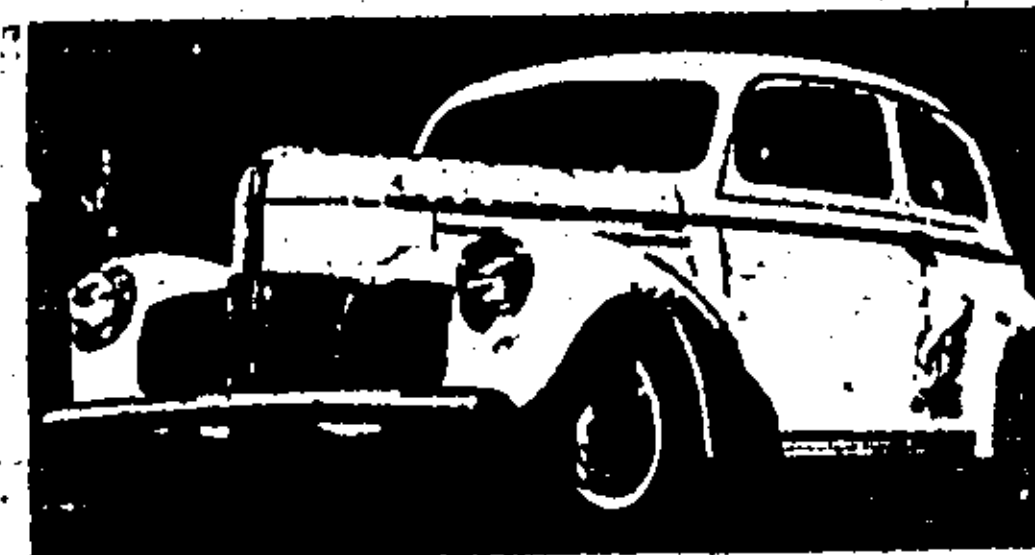
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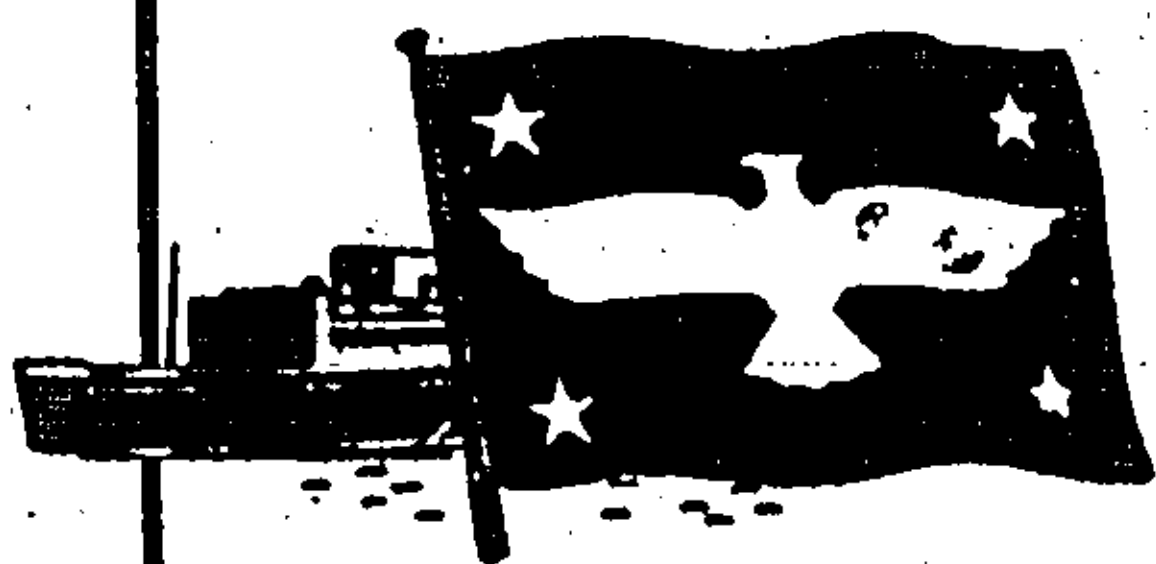
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WEDNESDAY		
Canton	Wed., Apr. 10, 7.15 a.m.	
Shanghai	Wed., Apr. 10, 8.30 a.m.	
Haiphong	Wed., Apr. 10, 2.00 p.m.	
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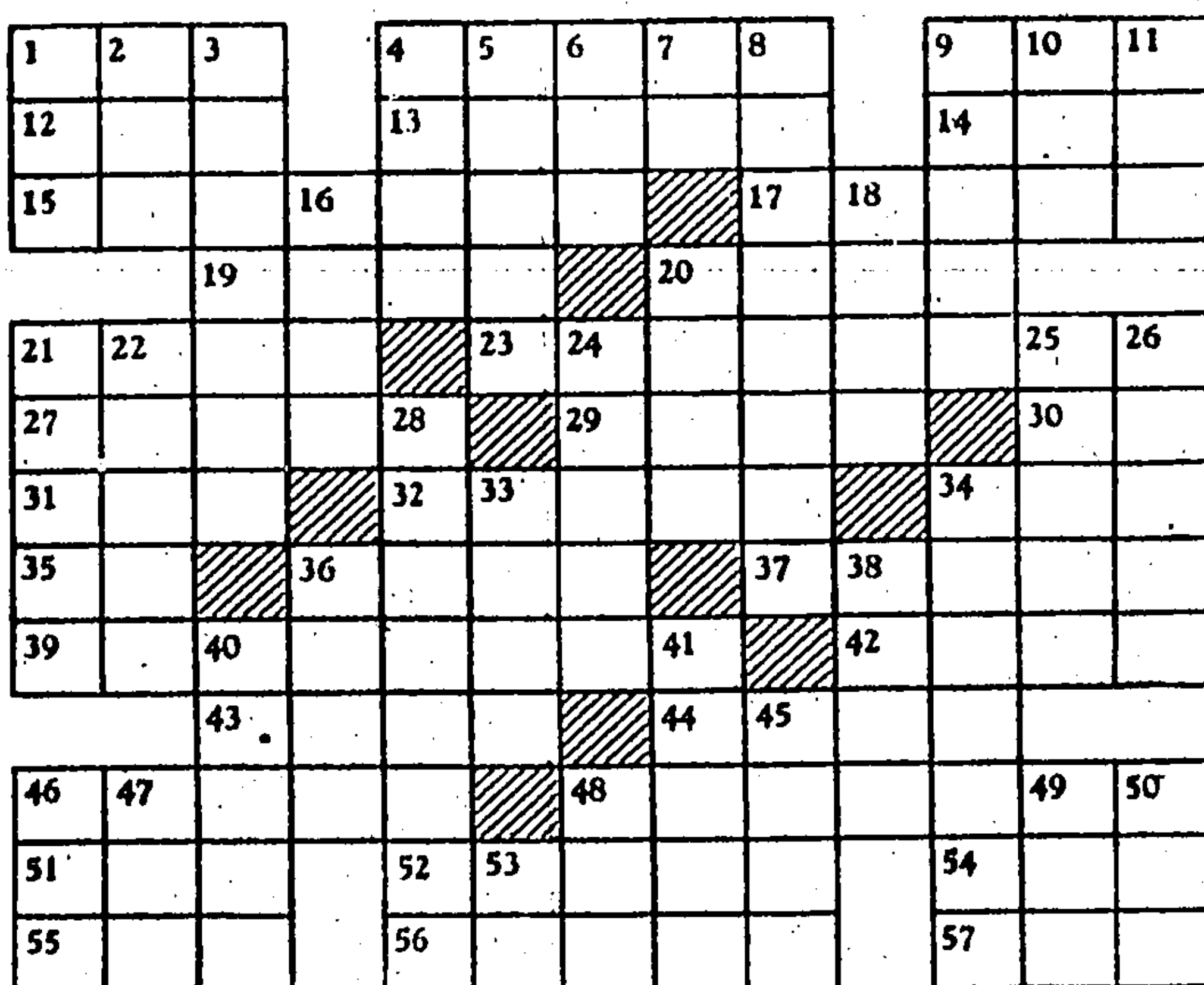
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- 19 Row
- 20 Pipe
- 21 Ache
- 23 Oarsmen
- 27 Dills
- 29 Gaelic
- 30 Italian article
- 31 Scarlet
- 32 Flat surface
- 34 Female deer
- 35 Corner
- 36 Goddess of discord
- 37 Writing tablet
- 39 Sieve
- 42 To expel
- 43 Vases
- 44 Object of worship
- 46 Sparkle
- 48 Sloped

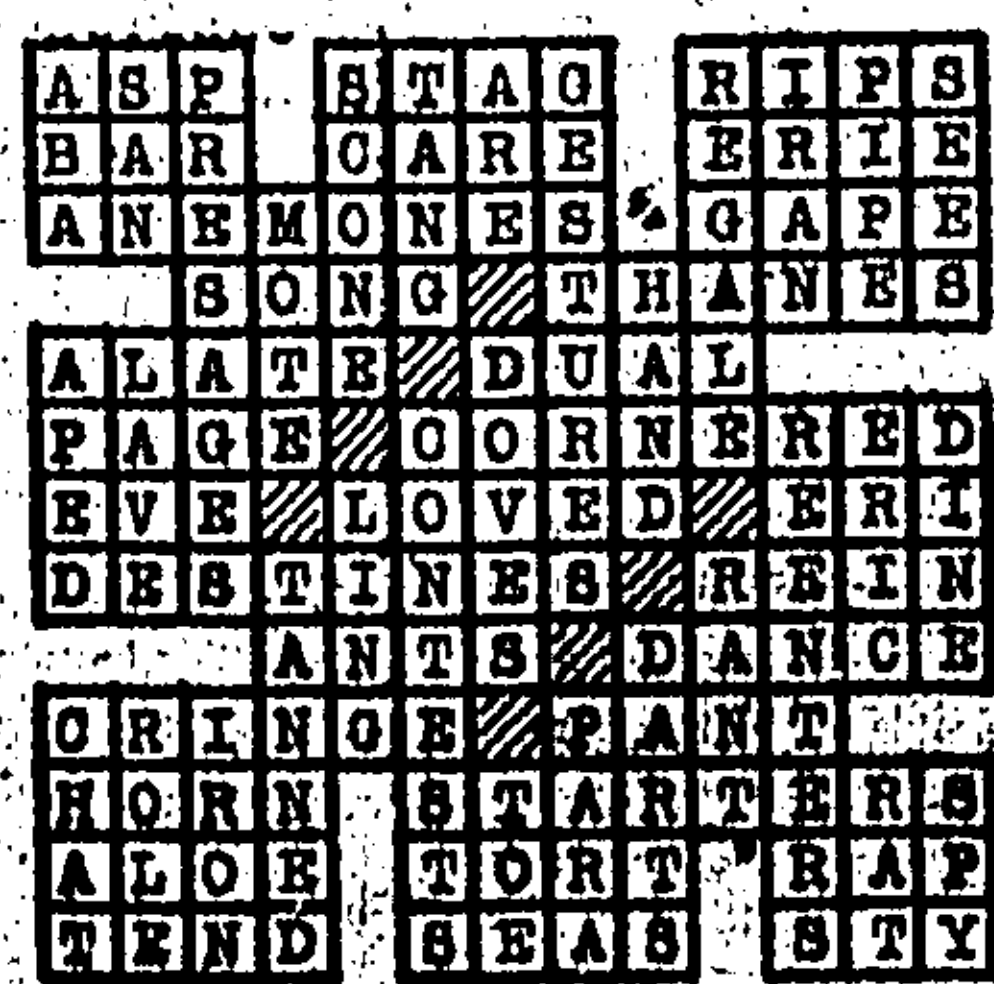
VERTICAL

- 1 To bring forth
- 2 Ether
- 54 Period of time
- 55 Bitter vetch
- 56 Avenues
- 57 Moisture
- 1 Preserves
- 2 Humming bird
- 3 Answered
- 4 Part of leg
- 5 Sharpens
- 6 Unit of work
- 7 Since
- 8 Beats back

9 Confusion

- 10 To be obliged to
- 11 To unite
- 16 Unit of measure
- 18 Deft
- 20 To twist
- 21 Lover of Helen
- 22 Concerning
- 24 To stop
- 25 Rebellions
- 26 Icy rain
- 28 Runner
- 33 Lindens
- 34 Made afraid
- 36 To merit
- 38 Northern bird
- 40 Destroys
- 41 Colloquial: irritated
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LEADER OF TRIAD SOCIETY JAILED

An alleged leader of a triad society was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for the theft of 10 yards of cloth from a hawkers.

Det. Sergeant V. Morrison told the Court that defendant is one of three leaders of a triad society well-known in the Wanchai district for intimidation and bullying of hawkers.

Hawkers had been beaten for refusing to join the society.

CHUNGKING WELCOMES THE SOONG SISTERS

Chungking, To-day.

A brilliant function was held here yesterday afternoon when Madame Chiang Kai-shek entertained her sisters, Madame Sun Yat-sen and Madame H. H. Kung, at a garden party.

More than 200 ladies of the wartime capital attended the reception, including Mesdames Feng Yu-hsiang, Ho Ying-chin, and Ma Chao-chun.

Lady Clark Kerr, wife the British Ambassador, was among distinguished foreign guests.

At tea time, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a short address, said that the arrival of Mesdames Sun and Kung was not only welcomed in Chungking but provided a cause for rejoicing in the whole country.

Madame Chiang paid tribute to her sisters and said they were not only her sisters but also friends of China's womanhood. She briefly recounted the good work done by both during the present war, and concluded by hoping that both would remain in Chungking to lead the nation's women to the struggle for final victory. Nothing would make her more happy than to see this hope realised.

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SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

FEATURE of Saturday's cricket programme was the hat-trick by M. R. Abbas for I.R.C. 2nd. XI against Civil Service.

So far as can be ascertained, this is the first hat-trick accomplished in either division of the League this season and culminates an excellent season's work with the ball by Abbas, who has been consistency personified.

T. A. Pearce made the highest score of the day — 57 against K.C.C. — in which match M. F. L. Haymes also topped the half-century mark.

In the Junior League K. M. Rumjahn of I.R.C. scored 51 not out against C.S.C.C.

BATTING

T. A. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	57
M. F. L. Haymes (H.K.C.C.)	54
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C. 2nd. XI)	51
F. E. Lawrence (C.S.C.C.)	36
L. G. Gosano (Rec)	31
J. L. C. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	31
A. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	33
H. A. Barros (Rec.)	30

BOWLING

M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	6 for 20
B. C. Fay (H.K.C.C.)	5 for 18
Mahmood (Uni)	5 for 52
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)	3 for 7
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.)	3 for 23
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	3 for 27
N. D. Lloyd (K.C.C.)	3 for 66

THE magnificent display of Royal Scots against Eastern, South China's second victory over Engineers in the play-off for Second Division

Soccer title, and the holding of Service Corps to a draw by International, were the outstanding performances in the local soccer programme over the week-end.

Eastern did not have their own way against Royals, who did extremely well. Hau Ching-to scored the winning goal in the closing minutes of the game.

South China won the Second Division championship when they beat Engineers by three clear goal. Moxham was back in goal for Sappers but it was evident that he was not at his best.

Both R.A. and Engineers now meet for the runners-up position and this game will probably be played this week.

After having the championship well in hand Service Corps are gradually letting it slip out of their hands and at present the most they can expect is a play off with 24th R.A., even if they win their remaining remaining game against Electric.

South China did well to beat a weak Kowloon team at Caroline Hill by two clear goals. Smith the Kowloon goal-keeper unfortunately broke his forearm when stopping a two yard drive from Chan Tak-fai and will be out of soccer for some time.

ARGONAUTS, winners of the Brawn Cup competition, completed their fixtures on Saturday when they beat "Y" ladies by the only

Ladies' Hockey goal scored by Miss C. Xavier late in the game to main their unbeaten record this season.

"Y" Ladies played well, up to a point, but were poor in front of goal, where they had chances to score.

Diocesan Schoolgirls, runners-up in the Brawn Cup competition, had a field day against 10 St. Andrew's players and won by nine clear goals. All their forwards scored, Miss E. Churn obtaining four of the total.

Though neither were at full strength "Y" Ladies and St. Andrew's, winners and runners-up, respectively, in the Caer Clark Cup competition, had an enjoyable friendly game on Saturday when four goals were shared.

The game was not taken too seriously but produced some good hockey.

CENTRAL British School annual athletic sports attracted as much attention as ever and provided a most entertaining

C.B.S. Sports afternoon for the large crowd of parents, past students and friends, who attended.

Norman Smith, finalist in the Junior Badminton championship of the

Colony, and one of the finest cricketers in the school, proved his versatility with a fine all-round performance and was easily the outstanding competitor in both field and track events.

Mona Shand, who was runner-up last year to Anne Smith, who has now left school, regained the girls' championship.

Thanks chiefly to Smith, Blue House won the inter-house competition despite keen competition from both the other houses.

Arrangements were excellent and Mr. D. McLellan and his able staff of assistants — special mention must here be made of the recorders — are to be congratulated.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:

Open Singles
Tsui Yan-pui v R. G. Biesel Jr. (Stand Court).

Open Doubles
T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang (8).

Handicap Singles
A. Lade (—4/8) v C. H. R. Hyde (—30) (8).

Mixed Doubles Handicap
B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley (—15.3) v V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph (scr.) (3).

HIGH COST OF LIVING IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

The present high cost of vital necessities is entirely due to the "monopolistic manner" in which the Japanese are hampering the free flow of food from the interior, says the "North China Daily News," on the basis of an extensive survey by the paper extended over several weeks.

Organisations, individuals and groups familiar with the actual conditions were interviewed for the survey to confirm facts ascertained.

The "North China Daily News" recalls that the Municipal Council appointed a Price Control Committee in March which was asked to submit a report to aid in devising ways and means of relieving the situation.

In a part of the Committee's report it is stated: "The Committee is satisfied that the fundamental cause of high prices is to be recognised (especially as far as domestic wheat, rice, meat and fish are concerned and to a lesser extent vegetables) in the fact that this area has been in the grip of conflict since August, 1937, and that the terrain on which Shanghai has been accustomed to rely for its supplies is under military control."

"So long as farmers' supplies were prevented from having a free market, the prices of necessities within the

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Motorists should sing hymns as the speedometer climbs upward, the Rev. L. C. Miller said in a safety sermon at Manitou Springs, Colorado.

These are the hymns he selected for the different speeds:

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Forty-five m.p.h.: "Nearer my God to Thee."

Fifty-five m.p.h.: "I'm nearing the port and will soon be home."

Sixty-five m.p.h.: "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

Seventy-five m.p.h.: "Lord, I'm coming home."

two foreign settlements of Shanghai must exceed normal."

Doubt was expressed of the accuracy of the above statements, but the survey of the "North China Daily News" confirms that while the population of the city increased from three and a half million to five million due to the influx since hostilities, the supplies of foodstuffs allowed to come to Shanghai by the Japanese are considerably less than in normal times when the population lower, says the paper.—Reuter.

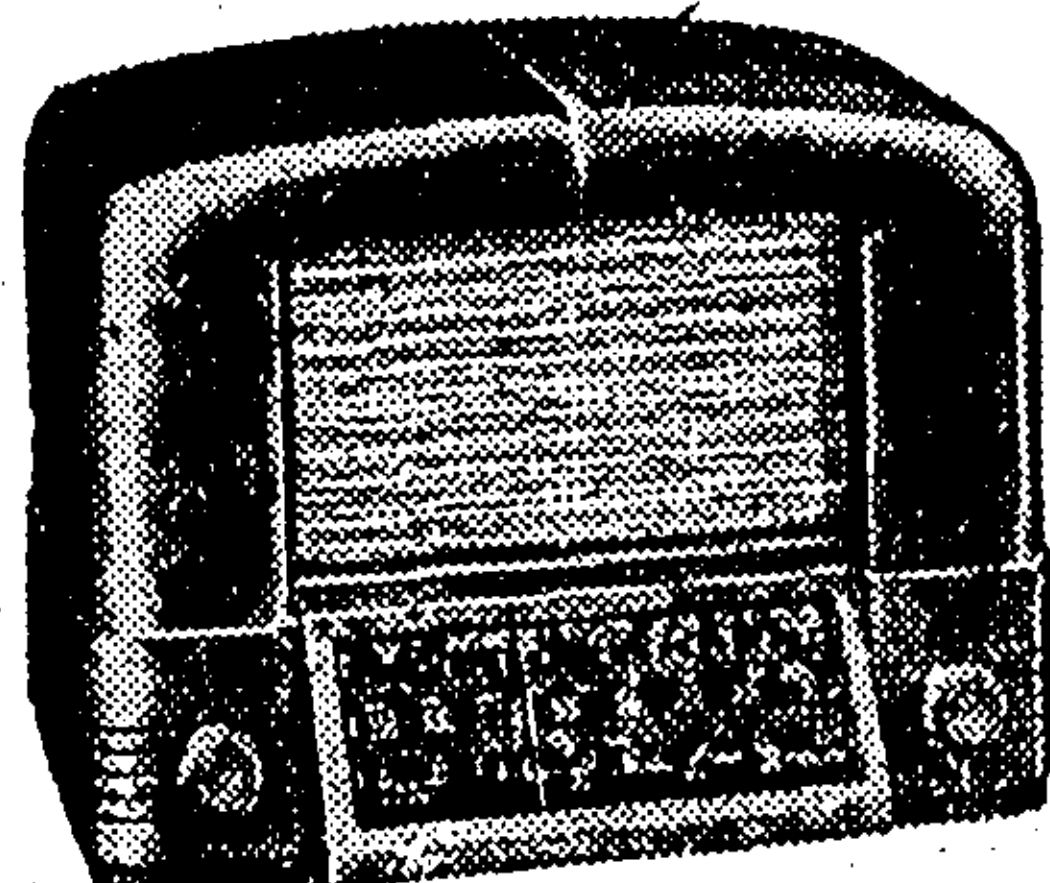
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Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias-Simon)....Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Organ.
You Didn't Oughta Do Such Things (film "Big Fella")....Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.
Camptown Races; Uncle Ned; Ring De Banjo (Foster)....Frank Luther & the Lyn Murray Quartet.
STUDIO—Story by Aunt Susan
I'm Popeye, the Sailor—Comedy Waltz
...Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Band.
Snowball (Carmichael)....Paul Robeson

To-day's Wireless

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(Bass) with Orchestra.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Borodin. Scherzo....Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano). Song of Prince Galitsky ("Prince Igor")....Theodore Chailapine (Bass) with Orch. Peasants' Chorus ("Prince Igor")....Sorkin Russian Choir.
7.02 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
At The Tchaikowsky Fountain—Fantasia

(Urbach).
Simple Aveu (Thome).
Spring Song (Mendelssohn).
Suite Orientale (Poppy).
Dream Waltz (Millocker).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—The Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Meditation (from "Thais"—Massenet).
Largo (from "Xerxes"—Handel).
Entrance of the Little Fauns (from "Cydalise"—Pierne).
Mosquito Dance (White).
Thunder and Lightning—Polka, Op. 324 (Joh. Strauss).
Procession of the Sardar (No. 4 from "Caucasian Sketches"—Ippolitow-Iwanow).

"La Boheme"
Acts III
And IV

"Aida"—Grand March, Act 2 (Verdi).
8.30 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Deanna Durbin (Soprano).
8.45 p.m.—Norwegian Light Symphony Orchestra. Fantasia On Norwegian Folk Songs (arr. Haland).
8.54 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Under Nazi Rule".
9.45 p.m.—Short Concert by Eileen Joyce (Piano), Marjorie Hayward (Violin) and Edouard Commette (Organ).
10.08 p.m.—Puccini's "La Boheme" Acts III & IV. Sung by Artists and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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It is possible to gather extremely useful information if one is able to listen to the bidding with ears properly attuned so that the character of the various bids is correctly interpreted. For example, here is a hand in which Michael T. Gottlieb listened carefully to three rounds of bidding, then came forth with a devastating double which wins our whole-hearted admiration.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 7 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ 8 7 4 2

Mr. Gottlieb
♠ K 10 2
♥ A J 9 7 2
♦ Q 10 4 8
♣ 9

♠ Q J 9 4
♥ 3
♦ A K 7 2
♣ A J 6 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♣ Pass 3♠ Dbl.
Pass Pass Pass

While most players in Mr. Gottlieb's position would have raised his partner's heart bid, he reasoned: West was unable to make an immediate overcall after the opening spade bid. Therefore his hand must be weak, so that a game is unlikely. Now as to South's bidding: That player evidently had a fairly good hand that almost surely contained three 4-card suits and a singleton heart. Conversely, North's hand must be very weak for he had first responded with one notrump and then reluctantly taken his partner back to his original spade suit (North should have passed three clubs). Fur-

thermore, North's hand was almost surely evenly distributed and contained only three spades. Finally, since he and his partner were sure to have the heart suit solid, it would be an easy matter to force Declarer's four-card trump suit.

From these reflections Mr. Gottlieb concluded that it was absolutely safe to double three spades. The result proved the logic of his reasoning for all Declarer could take were three trump tricks and his other three top cards, the penalty being 500 points.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner Saturday and held:

♠ A K 9 x x x x
♥ x
♦ K J
♣ K Q J

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone Jacoby You
Pass Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. Never pre-empt with hands (such as this) that offer Slam possibilities. If partner can be "found" with two Aces and some trump support, you can probably make a Slam.

Score 100% for one spade, 70% for four spades (shuts out opponents but also partner), 30% for three spades (a weak bid that will probably be passed).

QUESTION NO. 378

Oswald Jacoby is your partner and you hold:

♠ 10
♥ A Q x x
♦ K Q 10 x
♣ K J 10 x

The bidding:
Schenken You Maier Jacoby
1♠ Dbl. Pass Pass
Pass
What do you lead? (Answer Monday.)

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NORENA'S SUCCESS

The following were the results of the second Split Series Race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 29 miles:

DIVISION I STARTED 10.00			
	Finished	Corrd.	Pos. Pts.
Norena	15.33.46		1 10
(P. C. M. Sedgwick).			
Yehonala	16.02.05	15.37.57	2 9
(Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson).			
La Cigale I	15.38.33	15.38.33	3 8
(N. V. A. Croucher).			
Oresund	15.50.16	15.39.36	4 4
(K. Neckelman).			
Donna	15.52.45	15.40.49	5 3
(E. Cock).			
Azuma	16.16.05	15.44.47	6 2
(H. W. Browne).			
DIVISION II STARTED 10.10			
Sai Long	17.10.57	16.58.55	1 14
(A. M. Mack).			
Curlaw	17.14.47	16.57.06	2 12
(P. Clarke).			
Highwayman	17.19.05	17.04.47	3 10
(Capt. I. D. K. Macrae).			
Tai Wan Shan	17.11.11		4 8
(Major J. E. Dobbs).			
Tyrone	17.58.13	17.30.55	5 7
(B. Herschend).			
Tern	17.51.36	17.40.04	6 6
(J. L. Anderson).			
Sea Lark V	17.57.52	17.42.17	7 5
(Major Gen. A. E. Grasett).			
Evolene	18.00.52	17.56.06	8 4
(Major G. R. Way).			
Traenlaur	18.37.12	19.01.24	9 3
(Major C. R. Temple).			
Monsoon	18.38.01	18.16.52	10 2
(Major A. P. Trevor).			

MACAO HANDICAPS

Following are the handicaps for the Macao race meeting next Sunday:

Chung Shan Stakes:—Country Flower (150), Courser Bleu (154), Fairy Auk (154), Fairy Ousel (152), Gold Clause (154), Hogmanay (156), Meadow Eve (150), Wood Nymph (150).
Jockey Cup:—Cairnsmore (152), Dick Turpin (160), Pumelo (150), Quick Despatch (150), Tarzan (150), Zodiac (140).
Chinshan Handicap (First Section):—Copper Idol (168), Gallant Marshal (153), Lucky Eleven (148), Popular Star (160), Sunshine Susie (158), The Tigress (168), Wild Bear (159).
Hin Wang Cup:—Bogey (140), Dekko (147), Double Chance (161), Fel Ying (152), Gold Coin (151), Jack O'Lantern (145), Night View (161), Plain View (151), Talkative (161), Tim (161).
Chinshan Handicap (Second Section):—Dow Jones (161), King's Envoy (165), Mac's Adventure (157), National Anthem (165), National Dignity (149), New Bedford (156), Old Fashioned (147), Persian Cat (157), Sports Venture (158).
Shekhi Handicap:—Cloudy Star (158), Double Up (149), Eagle (163), Iron Knight (158), Labour Day (155), Merry Maker (140), Rotheray Bay (140), Shanghai 4 (146), Sports Gesture (161), The Spirit of St. Louis (155).
In connection with the Jockey Cup, a special \$1 Sweep, limited to 50,000 chances, is being run. The cost of one through chance is \$10. The tickets can be obtained at the Cash Sweep Department, No. 17, Connaught Road, Central, Top Floor.



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T.A. PEARCE REACHES 1,000 RUNS FOR SEASON

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HATFIELD DOES THE HAT-TRICK

SCORING FOUR RUNS for Volunteer Officers against Mr. M. P. Weedon's XI at Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, T. A. Pearce, the Hong Kong Cricket Club skipper, just reached his 1,000 runs for the season.

He is the second batsman to accomplish this feat, first being D. J. N. Anderson, of K.C.C., who made a further 55 yesterday. Sgt. Denyer, is well within striking distance, having passed the 900 mark some weeks ago, but he has struck a bad patch and has not made a decent score for some time.

Apart from Pearce's 1,000 runs, feature of yesterday's match was a hat-trick by Pte. Hatfield, the second of the week-end, M. R. Abbas have accomplished the first in either division of the League whilst playing for I.R.C. against Civil Service on Saturday. Hatfield took the wickets of McLellan, Walker and Stout with successive balls.

Hatfield was presented with the ball with which he did the hat-trick after the match by Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, who led the Volunteer Officers, in a brief ceremony in the pavilion.

Pearce's complete batting figures for the season are as follows:—

Inns.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Avg.
19	3	1,000	139*	62.50

LT. WEEDON'S XI

Sgt. Webb, c Perry, b Owen-Hughes	9
Pte. Jones, b Owen Hughes	0
L/Cpl. Logan, lbw., b Owen-Hughes	0
Lt. Cooper, b Owen-Hughes	15
Major Harvey, b Stoker	2
L/Cpl. Young, lbw., b Owen-Hughes	30
Capt. Holmes, c Pearce, b Stout	22
Lt. Weedon, b Scott	6
Pte. Hatfield, b Pearce	22
L/Cpl. Cordery, not out	2
Lt. Peal, c and b Pearce	1
Extras	10
Total	125

O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	3	0	19
Owen Hughes	0	0	30
Stoker	4	1	10
McLellan	2	0	6
Stout	4	0	13
Scott	3	0	24
Pearce	2	4	7

Pearce	27
VOLUNTEER OFFICERS	
Lt. D. J. N. Anderson, b Hatfield	5
Lt. A. M. Rodridgues, st Logan, b Holmes	1
Lt. T. A. Pearce, run out	
Major H. Owen-Hughes, c Homes, b Webb	2
Lt. A. E. Perry, b Hatfield	1
Lt. D. McLellan, b Hatfield	
Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, c Cordery, b Webb	

Lt. J. S. H. Scott, not out	7
Major R. D. Walker, c and b Hatfield	0
Lt. E. W. Stout, b Hatfield	0
Lt. Stoker, b Hatfield	0
Extras	9
Total	142

O.	M.	R.	W.
Harvey	7	1	24
Holmes	4	0	21
Young	8	0	26
Hatfield	8	3	36
Webb	3	0	26

POLICE AND I.R.C. HEAD TABLE

Police defeated Royal Air Force by seven wickets in a junior League cricket match yesterday.

Yesterday.		ROYAL AIR FORCE	
A. R. Palling, b Fay	.....	0	
C. Abbas, c Fay, b Lewis	.....	53	
S. Manfield, b Pope	.....	5	
J. Nancarrow, b Pope	.....	0	
H. Cook, b Danbrowsky	.....	5	
J. Corser, b Pope	.....	4	
J. Soulby, b Lewis	.....	4	
F. Hemsley, b Lewis	.....	9	
G. Brown, b Fay	.....	2	
W. Gillespie, not out	.....	3	
T. Hawkins, lbw., b Fay	.....	0	
Extras	.....	14	
Total	.....	90	

O.	M.	R.	W.
Fay	9	6	22
Lewis	5	0	13
Pope	8	0	28
Danbrowsky	3	0	13

POLICE R.C.		
A. E. Carey, b Nancarrow	.....	3
P. H. Loughlin, b Nancarrow	.....	
J. L. Stephens, c Corser, b Gillespie	.....	3
W. L. Clarke, not out	.....	3
B. C. Fay, b Gillespie	.....	
T. A. Hunter, b Corser	.....	
H. Danbrowsky, b Corser	.....	
A. Estall, c Soulby, b Abbas	.....	
Extras	.....	

Total (for 7 wks.)	11
C. Pope, A. Kirby and J. Lewis did not bat.	
Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Gillespie	7 1 28
Nancarrow	6 0 31



ANOTHER WIN FOR S. CHINA

After sharing two goals at the interval, South China finally defeated Police by three goals to one in their postponed First Division encounter at Caroline Hill and now require only one more point in their remaining four games to win the championship.

Lau Tau-man was seen in a new role as right half and gave a sound display. His passing and hard clearances being marked features of his game.

The game on the whole was dull and an early injury to Brooks completely disorganised the Police side. Johnson, erstwhile centre forward, was seen on the right wing but did not come up to expectations.

Lee Wai-tong scored the first goal for Chinese, but before the interval Howlett equalised.

Lai Shui-wing scored both the other goals for South China.

GUNNERS' BOWLS TEAM

Following have been chosen represent Corps Artillery, H.K.V.D.C. in a Bowls Match against H.E., The Governor's Team at Government House next Saturday, at 3.00 p.m.

W. L. Walker, J. Watson, H. H. Rose and S. M. Jack (Skip).
A. M. Wahab, S. J. Beach, L. Jack, N. T. Bebbington (Skip).
A. Abbas, R. Capel, G. Sherriff and J. Carr (Skip).

Hawkins	1	0	14	0
Abbas	3	0	28	1
Corser	2	0	7	2

LEAGUE TABLE

I.R.C.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Police	7	5	1	1	16
Recreio	7	5	1	1	16
K.C.C.	6	5	1	0	15
C.C.C.	8	4	4	0	12
Army	6	3	2	1	10
C.S.C.C.	6	3	2	1	10
R.A.F.	7	1	4	2	5
University	6	0	6	0	0

OONAGH RETURNS FAST TIME

T. K. L.'s Oonagh (Mr. P. P. Botelho up) turned in the fastest China pony time this season for a mile and 171 yards when it won the Kongmun Handicap by threequarters of a length from Johnber in 2.06.1. The previous best was 2.06.4 by Mrs. Dunbar's Bear Claw (Mr. D. Black) on the fifth day of the Annual Meeting.

FOLLOWING are the stakes winners to date, giving the owner's name in brackets.

CHINA PONIES

Burford (Quartermaster)	5,661
Satinlight (Cire)	5,176
Spiclight (Cire)	2,250
Craigavon (Mrs. Taggart)	2,218
Confusion Bay (L. Dunbar)	2,157
Guinness Time (H. Leigh)	1,950
Mount Hope Bay (L. Dunbar)	1,850
Dupont Bay (L. Dunbar)	1,850
Racelight (Cire)	1,700
O-Lan (T.K.L.)	1,700
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,527
Portrush (Dr. Lee Shiu Kee)	1,400
King Kong (Cocoa)	1,350
White Diamond (Diamonds)	1,350
Jobber (Marber)	1,350
Possible (Tang Man Wa)	1,300
Rose Evelyn (Eu Tong-sen)	1,250
Celtic Star (S.L.K.)	1,250
Galveston Bay (L. Dunbar; Zyleh)	1,250
Chatterbox (Manetta)	1,250
Phoenix (Unicorn)	1,200
Boat Bay (S. W. Lee)	1,100
Johnber (Marber I)	1,150
Grether (Marber)	1,100
Strathbannock (J. F. Macgregor)	1,050
Hopeful Star (Kong Bros.)	1,050
Clember (Marber I)	1,000
Willber (Marber I)	1,000
Oonagh (T.K.L.)	1,000

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BADMINTON SEMI-FINAL

Owing to blackouts and Volunteer defence exercises only one Colony badminton match will be played this week.

To-morrow, at Taikoo, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, previous finalists on several occasions, will be opposed to K. L. Yong and Miss Ulian Khoo for the right of entry into the Final, for which P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung have already qualified.

This will bring all the events to the final stages, the following having qualified:—

Senior Singles — C. Au and P. H. Wong.

Junior Singles — N. L. Smith and W. Gillies.

Men's Doubles — C. Au and P. H. Wong, and K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew.

Mixed Doubles — P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung.

EASTERN CERTAIN RUNNERS-UP COMPLETE HEAVY WEEK'S PROGRAMME

FIELDING A WEAK team, Club did remarkably well to only lose by the odd goal in five against Eastern in their postponed First Division soccer game on Club ground yesterday.

This was Eastern's last game of the season and gave them the runners-up position for the second year in succession.

Hau Ching-to played at inside left for the opening period of the game but later went to his usual position on the left wing where he was more useful.

E. Strange and Eardley were the Club backs and both put in some good work but were inclined to drop back when Eastern were attacking.

Eastern did not have it all their own way and at the interval were on level terms with Club. Hau Ching-to placed his side in the lead and Wilson equalised just before the interval. Forrow missed a penalty early in the game.

In the second period Lee Tak-kee again placed his side in the lead, but Smith equalised with a good effort.

Ten minutes from time Hau Ching-to beat Odell to give his side victory.

SCOTLAND v REST ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY

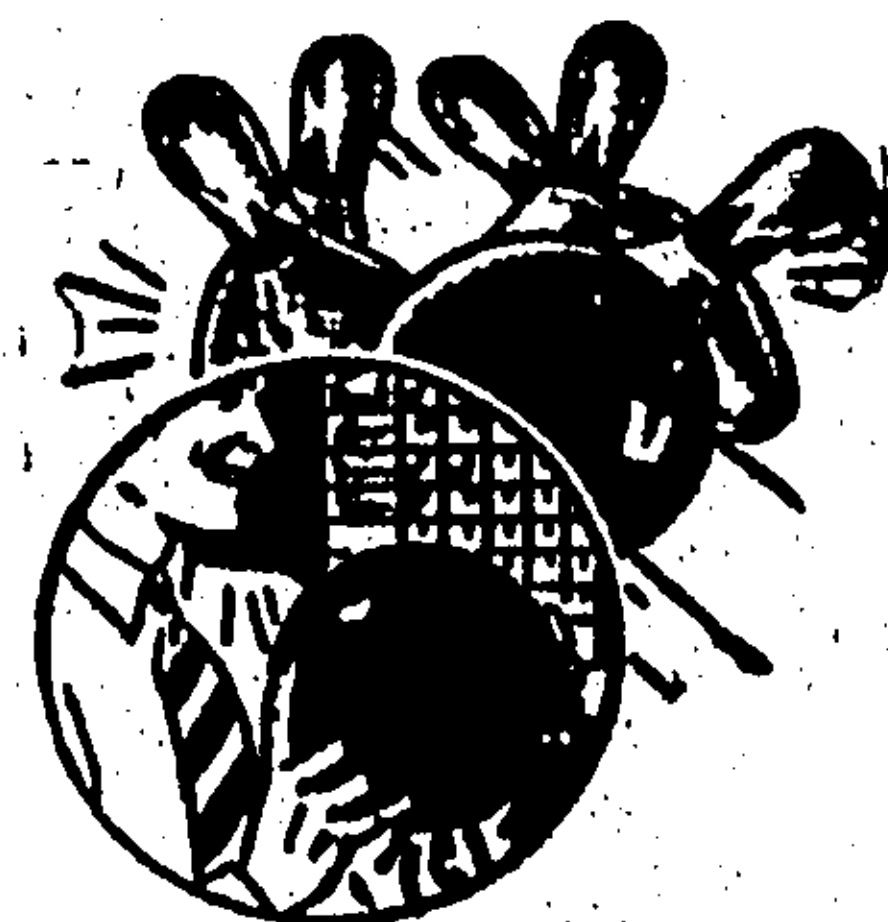
The Scotland v. The Rest match of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be played at Fanling on St. George's Day, April 23. Silver Division are to play on the Old Course and Bronze Division on the New Course.

Those willing to play are asked to communicate with Mrs. K. S. Robertson, telephone 31704, or sign lists posted in club houses. Entries close on April 20.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

The following were the results of yesterday's International Series matches:—

LADIES
China 6 and Britain 3.
MENS
India 5 and Portugal 4.
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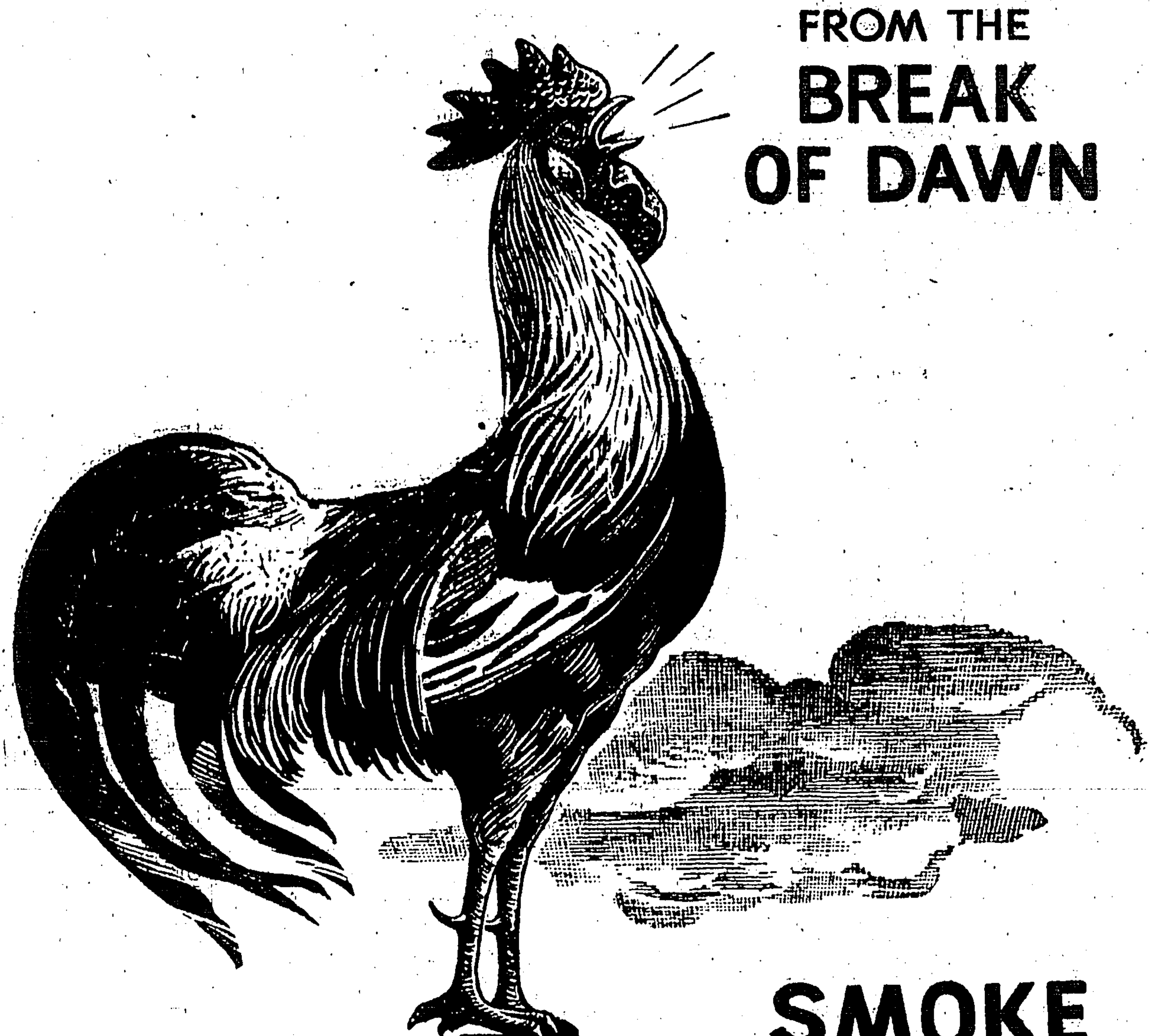
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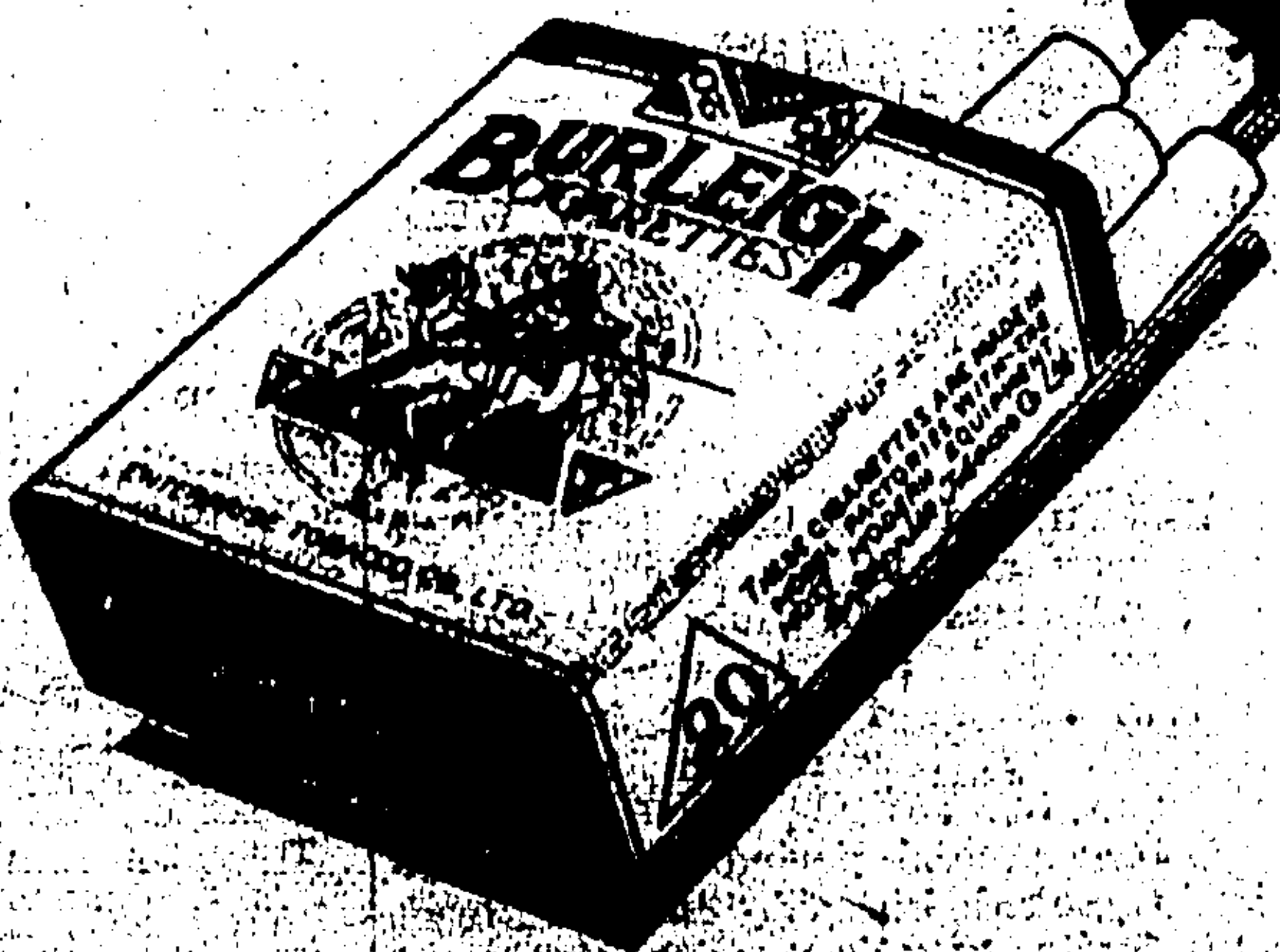
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By Order,

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Hong Kong, 8th April, 1940.

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BELlicose Press Active in Italy: Not Convincing

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE ITALIAN MAN-IN-THE-STREET IS CONVINCED THAT THE PRESENT CONFLICT WILL REMAIN LIMITED TO FRANCE, BRITAIN AND GERMANY, DESPITE THE INSPIRED CAMPAIGN IN THE FASCIST PRESS URGING PUBLIC OPINION TO BE READY TO FACE ANY EMERGENCY FOLLOWING THE ALLIES' DECISION TO STRENGTHEN THE BLOCKADE AGAINST GERMANY.

Some rumours even assert that Italy is determined to escort Nazi merchantmen with Italian warships while they are sailing for the Reich, and Fascist quarters emphasize that Italy categorically rejects the suggestion of the Allies that the neutrals curtail their trade with the Reich.

It is stressed that Italy desires to increase her exports to Germany in view of their treaty of alliance and ties of friendship.

Italian quarters are showing growing irritation at the presence of British warships in the Mediterranean and Adriatic. — Havas.

No Confirmation By Mussolini

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

No confirmation of the extremely strong stand taken by the Italian press is to be found in a speech Signor Mussolini delivered at the market place in Orvieto.

"The events we are witnessing are

having enormous repercussions, but we are confident we are strong enough to face them," he said.

"Italy will be equal to whatever events this late Spring brings us."

"The young, resolute Italy which we created through 20 years of hard, uninterrupted efforts, conquered the African Empire in seven months and a year ago liberated the Albanian people in three days."

"We will always be victorious." — Havas.

PRINCESS FAWZIEH

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Cairo, To-day.

The little Egyptian princess, who is to be named Fawzieh, was given a 41-gun salute. — Havas.

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The "Paris Soir" says that when Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop summoned the Swedish and Norwegian Ministers and conversation with them for an hour, the general atmosphere of the conference was indicated by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman who declared:—

"The German Government is convinced that the Allies contemplate military action through Norway and is watching the situation closely."

"The Allies want to prevent Sweden from sending us iron-ore, but the Reich's interests will be preserved." — Havas.

Reports in circulation this morning stating that 11 Japanese warships, with a number of armed trawlers and an aircraft carrier, arrived in Bias Bay yesterday, cannot be confirmed by well-informed quarters.

The reports add that 30 Japanese warships are cruising along the coast between Swabue and Hong Kong and that the population of Sha-ng-chung, terminus of the Tai-po-Sha-ng-chung Ferry Service, are preparing to evacuate.

A Chinese report this afternoon, originating from the border, alleges that Sha-ng-chung was bombed at 8.30 a.m. to-day by Japanese aircraft.

That Charles Onslow, 40, was formerly an informer of Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent and Monopoly Analyst of the Imports and Exports Department, was disclosed by the Police at the Central Magistracy this afternoon when Onslow again appeared, charged with obtaining \$30 from a fish-dealer by false pretences, with demanding \$30 with menaces; and with demanding \$3 with menaces. It was alleged that accused told complainant that he was sent by Mr. Taylor to collect \$3 monthly, otherwise his opium den at No. 31, Jubilee Street would be raided. Accused was paid \$9 in advance for three months. Later he demanded \$100 which he reduced to \$30. The fish-dealer informed Mr. Taylor and subsequently accused was arrested.

The case is continuing.

London, To-day.

It is revealed that the Allies have given notice to Norway that they reserve the right to take such measures as they think necessary to hinder or prevent Germany obtaining resources and facilities in Norway.

The Allies will deny the use of territorial waters for the carrying of contraband.

They have given notice that three areas in Norwegian territorial waters have been rendered dangerous to navigation by mines.

The statement issued said that if the successful prosecution of the war required the Allies to take such measures, world opinion would not be slow to realise the necessity and purpose of their action. — Reuter.

DEATH

SUMMERS. — At his home, Kai Tak Villa, Kowloon City, on April 7, 1940, Capt. Edwin Henry Summers, aged 78 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

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